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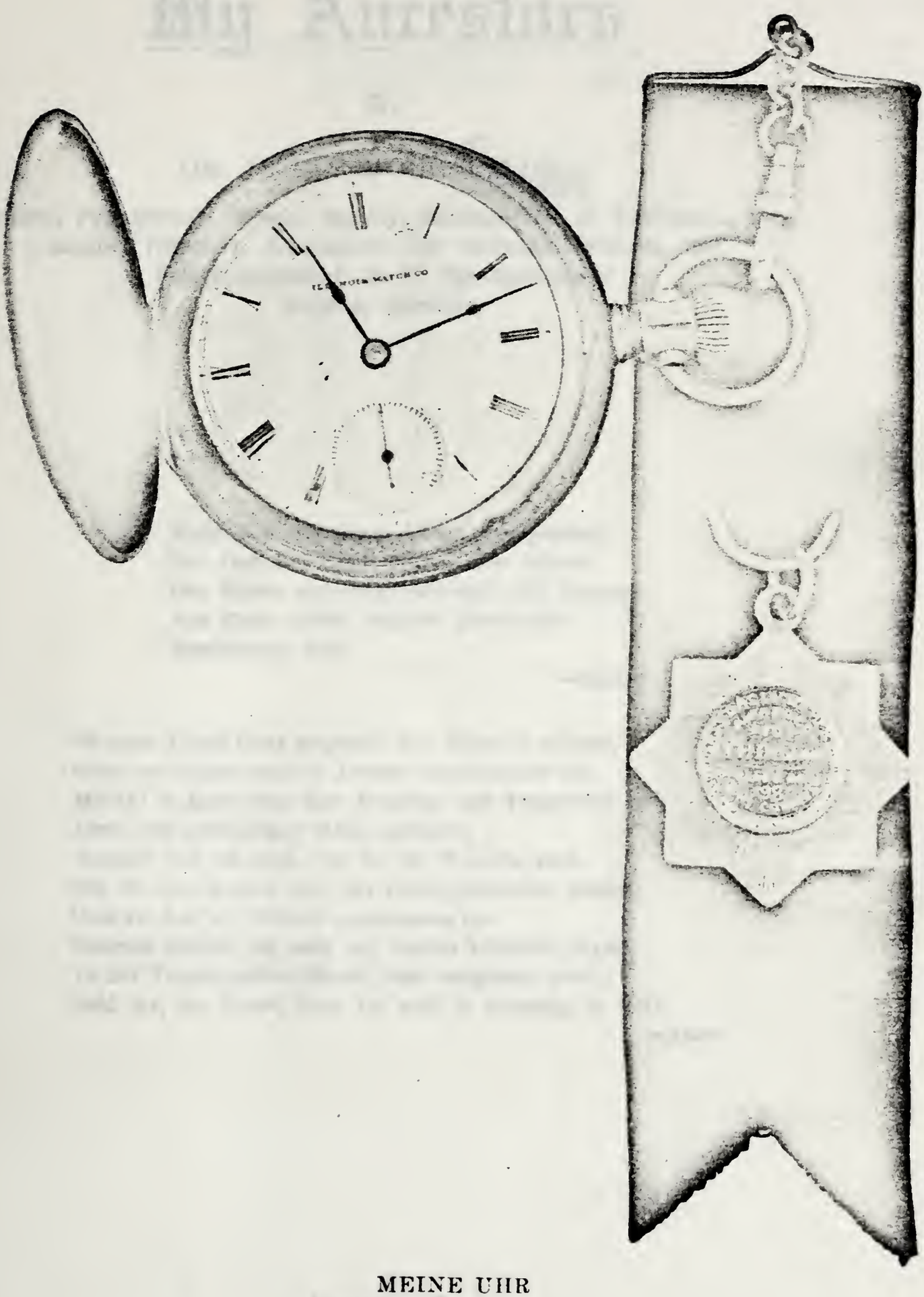

MEINE UHR

(See page xf.)

My Ancestors

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Familiengeschichte E. V., Headquarters in
Leipzig, Germany.

Wohl dem, der seiner Väter gern gedenkt,
Der froh von ihren Taten, ihrer Grösse
Den Hörer unterhält und still sich freuend
Ans Ende dieser schönen Kette sich
Geschlossen sieht.

—Goethe.

Ob eure Faust einst siegreich das Schwert gefasst,
Oder im stillen Gemach Denker und Dichter ihr,
Möcht' es auch sein, dass Hammer und Pflugschar ihr
Einst mit schwieliger Hand geführt;
Kennen will ich euch, die ihr die Wurzeln seid,
Die ihr der Stamm seid des frischgrünenden Baums,
Dem als Ast ich blühend entsprossen bin.
Grüssen möchte ich euch mit meiner lebenden Hand,
In der Vergangenheit Reich, aber vergessen nicht
Seid ihr, ihr Toten, denn ihr seid ja lebendig in mir!

—Anon.

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In Lasting Gratitude

TO

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now deceased; native of my own county of Berks; descendant of a long line of Pennsylvania German ancestors; one-time Principal of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa.;

AND

Richard Conrad Schiedt, A.M., Ph.D., Sc.D.;

native of Germany; Professor in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., for many years; now Emeritus Professor of Biology in the same institution;

Two Inspiring and Beloved Teachers

of mine who taught me German and helped me to a better understanding and appreciation of this the language of my ancestors.

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I. PREFACE

This is the only work on its subject. The form of it is however an adaptation of that used in recent German publications. The material presented in it was collected during the last decade and a half. At the outset the aim was simply to trace my paternal ancestry in the DeLong line to its European origin, then later there was added to this the aim to trace my maternal ancestry in the Hoch line also to its European origin. Still later I conceived the idea of tracing my ancestry in all lines as far back as possible. The results reached up to the present are gathered together in this publication which presents both in the form of continuous narration and in the form of a chart brief sketches of my ancestors, with some gaps, as far as number 193.

This study involved a search for facts, documents, etc., in more or less widely separated regions, not only in Pennsylvania, but also in other states, even in foreign countries. During the last year alone I travelled more than ten thousand miles by automobile, which does not include the mileage travelled by train, trolley, etc. I have located and read many unpublished documents, and either transcribed them in whole or in part. Some of these documents have no direct bearing on my immediate problem, though they are valuable from the standpoint of local history and the history of families other than those in my ancestral line, but they are also valuable, in differing degrees, from other specific standpoints, such as that of law or jurisprudence, of church history, of the history of education, of topography and geography, including anthropogeography, or human geography, of palaeography and epigraphy, of iconography, of chronology, including the history of the calendar, of philology, of botany, etc. In the text and in the appendixes I publish mainly only such of these documents on which the present study rests. In the appendixes I have also compiled, on the basis of these documents, lists of descend-

ants, which lay for the first time a sure and secure basis for the family history of the following families in my ancestral line: Hoch; Henrich; Bieber; Bollebach; Diener; and Lobach.

Since this publication rests almost altogether upon hitherto unpublished documents and could not be supported, save in a very few instances, by references to published documents, the documents in the text and in the appendixes could of course not be omitted, for these are needed to tell and confirm the story. As Goethe says of the nature of an inscription, in his *West-östlicher Divan* (*Segenspfänder*):

> "Die Inschrift aber hat nichts hinter sich,
> Sie ist sie selbst und muss dir alles sagen,"

so it must be said of this work, that it has no published works in back of it, it stands by itself and must tell the reader all.

It was not long after I had entered upon this work that I began to realize the primary and fundamental importance of the "ship lists," and further that it was very desirable that these lists should be republished. The published lists are not as accurate as possible, see, for example, a correction below, page 20. For a time I worked with photostatic copies. Then I conceived the plan of transcribing and republishing these lists. The work of transcribing was to be done in cooperation with Dr. Friedrich Wecken, Leipzig, Germany, who was willing to cooperate with me. Our plan was to devote at least two years to this task. We had the will to do the work of transcribing, though we did not have the necessary money to republish these lists. Had not the Pennsylvania German Society announced in October, 1929, its plan and purpose to republish these lists, Dr. Wecken and I would have gone ahead. We had intended to make the leap in the faith that some one would eventually come to our financial support. As is well known by this time, it was the munificent liberality and the proffered unexampled financial support of the president of the Pennsylvania German Society, Ralph Beaver Strassburger, that made it possible for the Pennsylvania German Society to undertake this work. Upon this announcement of the Pennsylvania German Society, Dr. Wecken and I quietly abandoned our plan,

for this time these lists will be published not only in transcription but also in facsimile.

Next to the "ship lists," in importance, are the unpublished land warrants, land patents and surveys, then the unpublished church records, cemetery records: literary and lapidary, deeds, wills, etc.: a voluminous amount of unpublished material of primary and fundamental importance which should be carefully and accurately excerpted or transcribed in its entirety and then published. What the present study has derived from this group of unpublished sources, the pages following show clearly enough.

My excursion into this region of "Patriarchenluft," to make use of another expression of Goethe in this connection, has given me a growing vision of an expanding and important field of labor, which should be cultivated well, intensively and soon, ere it may be forever too late. Time, wind, weather, fire and other agencies, alas, have already in more than one instance wrought destruction and irreparable damage to documents, monuments, etc., as I have learnt in my travels of research through Eastern and Central Pennsylvania all too frequently. The field is ripe, yea, more than ripe, unto the harvest.

IRWIN HOCH DELONG.

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JULY, 1930.

Ach Gott! die Kunst is lang!
Und kurz ist unser Leben,
Mir wird, bei meinem kritischen Bestreben,
Doch oft um Kopf und Busen bang,
Wie schwer sind nicht die Mittel zu erwerben,
Durch die man zu den Quellen steigt!
Und eh' man nur den halben Weg erreicht,
Muss wohl ein armer Teufel sterben.

—*Goethe.*

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MEINE UHR

Ich trage, wo ich gehe,
Stets eine Uhr bei mir;
Wie viel es geschlagen habe,
Genau seh' ich's an ihr.

Es ist ein grosser Meister,
Der künstlich ihr Werk gefügt,
Wenngleich ihr Gang nicht immer
Dem törichten Wunsche genügt.

Ich wollte, sie wäre rascher
Gegangen an manchem Tag;
Ich wollte, sie hätte manchmal
Verzögert den raschen Schlag.

In meinen Leiden und Freuden,
Im Sturm und in der Ruh'
Was immer geschah im Leben,
Sie pochte den Takt dazu.

Sie schlug am Sarge des Vaters,
Sie schlug an des Freundes Bahr,'
Sie schlug am Morgen der Liebe,
Sie schlug am Traualtar.

Sie schlug an der Wiege des Kindes,—
Sie schlägt, will's Gott! noch oft,
Wenn bessere Tage kommen,
Wie meine Seel' es hofft.

Und ward sie auch manchmal träger
Und drohte zu stocken ihren Lauf,
So zog doch der Meister immer
Grossmütig sie wieder auf.

Doch stünde sie einmal stille,
Dann wär's um sie geschehn:—
Kein andrer, als der sie fügte,
Bringt die zerstörte zum Gehn.

Dann müsst' ich zum Meister wandern
Und ach! der wohnt gar weit,
Wohnt draussen jenseits der Erde,
Wohnt dort in der Ewigkeit.

Dann gäb' ich sie ihm zurücke
Mit dankbar kindlichem Flehn:
"Sieh, Herr, ich hab' nichts verdorben,
Sie blieb von selber stehn!"

—*Johann Gabriel Seidl.*

III. LIST OF ANCESTORS ARRANGED IN THE FORM OF CONTINUOUS NARRATION

1) *DeLong, Irwin Hoch,* born on the farm of his grandfather, Jeremiah Hoch, near Dryville, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873, baptized August 31, 1873, by Rev. Alfred J. Herman, confirmed by the same, April 21, 1889, in DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers, Pa. (See Appendix G, 8.)

Worked in the tannery of his uncle Benneville, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., from the fall of 1880 to the spring of 1881, attending however Public School at the same time; subsequently on the farms of Isaac H. Ziegler,* Longswamp and Rockland townships, from 1881 to 1891; later, in Catasauqua, Pa., first as a laborer, later as a pressman in a fire-clay brick factory, then a plush weaver, and at intervals, when the silk mills were not operating, as a laborer in a foundry, also as a contract laborer in the car-shops of Northampton, Pa.

Educated in the Public Schools of Rockland Township (Keller's, New Jerusalem, and Mine Road) and of Longswamp Township (Free Hall, a year in the old building, then later in the new); Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., 1889–1891; Muhlenberg Academy, Allentown, Pa., 1892–1893; Freshman, Muhlenberg College,

* In *Historical and Biographical Annals, Berks County, Pennsylvania,* by Montgomery, Chicago, 1909, Vol. II., page 1166, it is stated: "Irwin Hock [should be: Hoch] DeLong . . . was adopted by Isaac Ziegler, of Bowers, Pa."—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Ziegler received me into their home and treated me practically in almost every respect as one of their own children, though I was never adopted by them in a legal sense of the term. Mrs. Ziegler's baptismal name was Adeline; she was a born Fehnel, a daughter of Elizabeth Fehnel, a born Santee, who in turn was a daughter of George Santee. See *Genealogy of the Santee Family in America,* by Ellis M. Santee, M.D., Cortland, N. Y., 1899. For a picture of Mrs. Ziegler, of her mother, of her sister Anna, and of her brother George, see *ibid.,* page 125.

Allentown, Pa., 1894–1895; Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., 1895–1898; Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa., 1898–1901; The University-of Chicago—summer quarter, 1900; summer quarter, 1901, 2nd term; autumn quarter, 1901; winter quarter, 1902; summer quarter, 1902; summer quarter, 1906—(subjects: Hebrew, Arabic, Aramaic, Hieroglyphics, Greek Palaeography, and Old Testament); Thayer Fellow, American School for Oriental Study and Research in Palestine, Jerusalem, 1902–1903 (for the subjects see *"The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang,"* 1926, pages 45f.); University of Berlin, Germany, 1903–1904 (semester courses: Einleitung in die semitischen Sprachen, Dr. Meissner; Ueber die Ausgrabungen in semitischen Ländern und einige Resultate derselben, 2 semesters, Prof. Sachau; Erklärung von Brunnow's Arabische Chrestomathie, Dr. Horowitz; Geschichte der ägyptischen Religion, Prof Erman; Assyrisch für Anfänger, Prof. Delitzsch; Ausgewählte Gedichte der Hamâsa, Prof. Sachau; Koptische Grammatik, Prof. Erman; Arabische Syntax und Erklärung historischer Texte aus Kitâb al-Aghânî, Prof. Barth; Erklärung des Koran, Dr. Horowitz; Hebräische Urgeschichte, Prof. Gunkel; Ueberblick über die babylonisch-assyrische Geschichte, Dr. Winckler; Der Islam in seiner geschichtlichen Entwicklung, Dr. Horowitz; Neuarabisch: mit besonderer Berücksichtung des Dialects von Syrien, zweiter Kursus, Prof. Hartman; Hebräische Grammatik für Anfänger und Vorgeschrittene, Prof. Delitzsch; Erklärung der alttestamentlichen Psalmen, Prof. Delitzsch; Assyrisch, II. Kursus, Prof. Delitzsch; Koran-Lektüre, mit syntaktischen Uebungen, Prof. Sachau; Biographie Muhammeds von Ibn Ishak [in the original Arabic], Prof. Sachau; Erklärung altarabische Gedichte (nach Noeldeke-Müller, Delectus veterum carminum arabicorum), Dr. Horowitz; Syrisch für Anfänger, Dr. Meissner; Geschichte der babylonisch-assyrischen Kunst, Dr. Meissner; Koptische Texte, Prof. Erman; Philosophische Uebungen über Schopenhauers Moralphilosophie, Prof. Paulsen); University of

Strassburg, Germany, 1904–1906 (semester courses: Arabisch, Beladhori, Prof. Nöldeke; Delectus carminum arabicorum, ed. Müller et Nöldeke, Fortsetzung, Prof Nöldeke; Syrisch, Aphraates, Prof. Nöldeke; Koptisch, II. Kursus: Ausgewählte boheirische Texte, Prof. Spiegelberg; Geschichte der ägyptischen Kunst bis zum Hellenismus, Prof. Spiegelberg; Benjamin von Tudela [in the original Hebrew], Prof. Euting; Arabisch Hariri's Makamen, Prof. Nöldeke; Arabisch, Koran, Prof. Nöldeke; Syrisch, Josua Stylites, Prof. Nöldeke; Koptisch, achmimische und fayumische Texte, Prof. Spiegelberg; Nabatäische Inschriften, Prof. Euting; Arabisch, Ibn Hischam, Prof. Nöldeke; Curetons Spicilegium syriacum, Prof. Nöldeke.

Degrees, etc.: Teacher's Provisional Certificate, with a rating of 20¼, issued after an examination by W. M. Zechman, Superintendent, Berks Co., Pa., July 14, 1890; A.B., Franklin and Marshall College, 1898; A.M., *ibid.*, 1901; Diploma, Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., 1901; D.B., The University of Chicago, August 29, 1902; Ph.D., University of Strassburg, Germany, December 7, 1905; D.D. (honorary), Franklin and Marshall College, 1928; licensed to preach by the Classis of East Pennsylvania, May 16, 1901; ordained, ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Lancaster, Pa., by the same Classis, May 9, 1909.

Instructor in Latin and Roman History, Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa., Spring Terms of 1901 and 1902; instructor, Old Testament Science, 1906–1909, Professor, Hebrew and Old Testament Science, 1909–, dean, 1921–, librarian, 1909–1922, Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa.

Married October 10, 1907, Mary R. Meister, of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of Rev. Emil Meister, D.D. Children: *Margaret Eleanor DeLong* (graduate, Stevens High School Lancaster, Pa., Mid 1927; graduate in the three-year course, State Teachers College, Millersville, Pa., 1929; graduate, *ibid.*, with the degree of B.S. in Education, 1930; teacher-elect, Cross Roads School, Earl Township,

Lancaster Co., Pa.; member, Donegal Chapter, D.A.R.); *Dorothy Meister DeLong* (Class of 1931, Stevens High School, Lancaster Pa., member C.A.R.); *Emilie Meister DeLong* (West Junior High School, Lancaster, Pa.); *Mary Meister DeLong* (Grade Schools, Lancaster, Pa.). Cf. "Who's Who in America," latest edition, also "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang," 1926.

Publications of a genealogical character:

1. "In Memoriam." (In *Reformed Church Review*, April, 1917, pages 269–275).
   Frederick Augustus Gast, born October 17, 1835, Lancaster, Pa., died February 11, 1917, in his native city.
2. "Address of Acceptance in Connection with the Unveiling of the Gast Memorial Tablet." (In *Reformed Church Review*, January, 1918, pages 31–33).
3. "Dechant." (In *Familiengeschichtliche Blätter*, Leipzig, Germany, February, 1921.)
   Johann Peter Dechant and his wife Jakobina (Wallauer) Dechant, and their son Jakob Wilhelm Dechant who was born in Weilburg or Kreuznach, Germany, February 18, 1784, and who emigrated to this country, arriving in Philadelphia, Pa., September 5 (not October 5, as is wrongly stated in my "Descendants of Otto Henrich Wilhelm Brinkman," 1925, pages 44 and 45), 1805, died 1832, buried in Oley, Berks Co., Pa.
   Here may be added the inscription on his gravestone, which I copied October 9, 1926: Hier/ Ruhen die Gebeine des/ Ehrw: Jacob Wm Dechant, Reformirter Prediger von Nord America./ Er verwaltete das wichtige Amt als/ Evangelischer Lehrer bey 25 Jahren./ Er wurde gebohren/ den 18ten February A.D. 1784, in Europa,/ und starb den 6ten October A.D. 1832/ in einem Alter von 48 Jahr 7 m. u. 18 Tag./ Er war Vater von 12 Kinder, wovon aber/ 2 vor ihm aus der Zeit in die Ewigkeit über gegangen sind./

   Ruhet wohl ihr Todenbeine,/
   In der stillen Einsamkeit,/
   Ruhet bis der Herr erscheine,/
   An dem Ende dieser Zeit!/
   Bald wird er zum neuen Leben/
   Aus dem Grabe euch erheben./ Mörs, Reading/
4. "Kiefer." (*Ibid.*, April, 1921.)
5. "Jacob Jansen van Etten, 1663—Otherwise Known as Jacob Jansen DeLange." (In *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, January, 1922, pages 70–74).

MY MOTHER

6. "DeLong. A Correction." (In *Publications of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania,* March, 1922, pages 207–209). In "The Pennsylvania-German," vol. iv., October, 1903, page 382, it is asserted "that the DeLongs come from the French nobility, etc." The "correction" shows that this assertion is ill-founded and that it has no genealogical or historical value.

7. "The Theological Seminary." (In *Reformed Church Messenger,* December 21, 1922).
Facts concerning the Stauffer family, derived from the record in the Stauffer family Bible now in the Library of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

8. "An Early Publication on the Seminary." (In *Reformed Church Messenger,* March 15, 1923).
The article, among other matters, mentions 32 family names of ministers of the Reformed Church of 100 years ago which are also represented on the ministerial roll of the same church in 1923.

9. "Another Date as the Day of the Creation of Adam." (In the *New Era,* Lancaster, Pa., March 30, 1923).
The date is October 23, 4004 B.C., at nine o'clock in the morning. The date alongside of which the article sets this date is Friday, March 25, no year.

10. "A Family With an Unbroken Line of Five Generations of Preachers." (In *Reformed Church Messenger,* April 12, 1923).
The family in question is the Dechant family, the descendants of Jakob Wilhelm Dechant, named above, and also his paternal ascendants to Johannes Dechen who was born before 1645.

11. "Genealogical Gleanings from Different Sources (Pa.)." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* June, 1923).
Previously unpublished facts and information from original sources, mainly in German, concerning a number of families of Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pa.

12. "A Legal Document of Historical and Ecclesiastical Interest." (In *Reformed Church Messenger,* August 16, 1923).
An indenture, published in full, dated December 30, 1786, made between Michael Delang (son of Pyeter Delangh) and Barbara his wife of the one part and Peter Kieffer, trustee of the German Reformed congregation (Christ, DeLong's), Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa., of the other part. At the beginning of the article is also published the German document whereby on October 8, 1759, the date of the document, Pyeter Delangh and his wife Eva Elisabeta Delangh deeded two acres of land in perpetuity to the same congregation.

13. "Early Occurrences of the Family Name DeLong in Europe and in America." (In *Reformed Church Review*, July, 1929; also 100 copies in reprint).
The name is a partially Anglicised Germanic name, consisting of two elements: (a) the Low German definite article 'de' = the English 'the', and the adjective 'langh', 'lang', Anglicised as 'long'. The name means 'the long fellow', or 'the long one'. The name occurs in Switzerland: 1145–; in Germany: 1261–; in America: 1653–. Three plates and autograph signatures of Pyeter Delangh and of others, in facsimile. Cf. below, nos. 20 and 23, which contain additional and in part earlier occurrences of the name in Europe and in America.

14. "Pennsylvania Gravestone Inscriptions: Cemetery of Christ DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers, Berks County." (In *Publications of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*, March, 1925; also 100 copies in reprint to which is added an index. Wickersham Press, 1925, Lancaster, Pa.).
137 gravestone inscriptions, most of which are in German.

15. "The Mabry R. Hoch Family Bibles." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, March, 1925).

16. "The Jeremiah Hoch Family Register." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, March, 1925).

17. "Descendants of Otto Henrich Wilhelm Brinkman." Lancaster Press, Inc., Lancaster, Pa., 1925.
In addition to the folded chart, the 29 cuts of persons, buildings (church in Germany, homes in Germany and in Lancaster, Pa., business buildings), towns in Germany, baptismal record in facsimile, etc., and the excerpts from sources, an index and an appendix, the publication includes a brief biographical sketch of 75 descendants of Otto Henrich Wilhelm Brinkman and a similar sketch of the persons intermarried with these descendants. Otto Henrich Wilhelm Brinkman was born October 13, 1797, in Häver, a small village near Kirchlengern in Westphalia, Germany. His descendants lived or still live, as the case may be, for the most part in York, Pa., and in Lancaster, Pa.

18. "Inscriptions on the Tombstones in Carpenter's Graveyard, Lancaster County, Pa." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, September, 1925).
Carpenter's graveyard is one of the earliest burial places in Lancaster County, Pa.

19. "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang." The Art Printing Co., Reg., Lancaster, Pa., 1926.
Contains brief biographical sketches of 130 descendants of Pyeter Delangh (DeLong), 1724, New York, and similar sketches of those intermarried with these descendants. Apart

from the name DeLong there occur almost 200 different family names in the work. The book also lists DeLongs who lived in Europe as early as 1145, 1261, 1376, 1380, 1427; in America as early as 1657, 1662, 1724, 1726, etc. It is the most complete and authentic publication on the DeLong family in existence. The sources of information are printed in full, and many are reproduced in facsimile. There are folding charts and numerous cuts. Cf. No. 13, above, and Nos. 20 and 23 below.

20. "Pioneer Palatine Pilgrims." Press of The Art Printing Co., Reg., Lancaster, Pa. 1928.
The facts about these pilgrims are taken from the original German records of Hill Church, Pike Township, Berks Co., Pa. These pilgrims arrived in the early part of the eighteenth century. In addition to these records, the publication contains original, hitherto unpublished material on the DeLong family as also a section on "The Alleged French or Huguenot Origin of the DeLongs."

21. "Some Tombstone Inscriptions from the Cemetery in Friedensburg, Pa." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* September, 1928).

22. "The Joel Mertz Family Bible." (In *National Genealogical Society Quartery,* September, 1928).

23. "Records of DeLongs in Brazil During the Early Part of the Seventeenth Century." (In *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* September, 1928).
The records, in which these DeLong records are found, are baptismal records of a community of Hollanders, residing in and near Reciff, Brazil. They contain a "register van de Namen der Kinderen die alhier opt Reciff en omgelegen plaetsen gedoopt sijn, gelijck meede de namen van de Ouders, ende ooc van de getuyden die over deen doop gastaen hebben." The records cover the years 1633–1654. The first DeLong record is that of Abraham de Lange, 1634. After that there are DeLong records up to 1650. These DeLong records are excerpted and published here in full.

24. "Dubbs, Joseph Henry". (In *Dictionary of American Biography,* Vol. V., New York, 1930).
A list of the writings of Dr. Dubbs, not known to me at the time of writing, is published in *Publications of the Pennsylvania History Club,* Vol. I., pages 27f., published in February, 1909. Dr. Emil Meynen, Cologne, Germany, on the occasion of a visit after the publication of the above-mentioned volume, called my attention to this list. This list may have been the source for the list published in the *Daily New Era* (Lancaster, Pa.), April 1, 1910.

2) *DeLong, Adam B[ieber]*, born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24, 1852 (or July 24, 1852, baptized August 29, 1852, see Church Records, Bowers, Pa.), died December 10, 1928, married (1) 1872,
3) *Hoch, Caroline*, born August 12, 1851, baptized October 26, 1851, died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880, buried Bowers, Pa.

BAPTISMAL RECORDS

CHILD	PARENTS	SPONSORS
Adam 24 Jul. (sic) 1852 29 Aug 1852	Aron Delong Selÿ [= Sara]	Mo. [= Moses] Neibold Maria [his wife]
Carolina d. 12 August 1851 d. 26 Oct 1851 (*Kirchen Buch Zur Kirch, Maxetawny, 1765*, Bowers, Pa.)	Jeremias Hoch Rebecca	Lydia Diener [Marriage record: Aug. 3, 1835 Daniel Kelchner, Ruscombmanor, Lydia Diener, of Joh., Rockland (Records of Rev. C. G. Herman)]
Scharlata 28 September 1835 1 May 1836 (*Ibid.*)	Daniel Kelchner u. Lidia	John Diener u. Scharlata

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Adam B. DeLong/ 1852–1928/ Amelia J. His [second] Wife/ 1849–1926/
(Mt. Rock Cemetery, near Lewistown, Pa. Copied July 5, 1929).

Homer J./ Son of/ A. B. & A. J. DeLong/ Died Jan. 27, 1895./ Aged 12 y. 2 m. 25 d./
(Alfarata Cemetery, near Lewistown, Pa. Copied Aug. 2, 1927.)

> "Homer Josiah DeLong was born
> on the 2nd day of Novbr. 1882, in
> Adamsburgh, Snyder Co., Pa., baptized the
> 23rd day of June 1883, by Rev. W. R. Wieand."
> (Family Bible.)

OBITUARY (In REFORMED CHURCH MESSENGER February 21, 1929)

ADAM BIEBER DELONG

December 10, 1928, in his 77th year, the subject of this sketch, died in his home in Lewistown, Pa. His departure calls for more than

3.

ADAM B. DeLONG

4.

IRWIN HOCH DeLONG
(Photograph taken in the Fall of 1896
or 1897)

ordinary note, because of his relation to the organization of Trinity Church there, because of the fact that the Rev. Prof. Irwin Hoch DeLong, of the Department of Old Testament Studies in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., is his first-born child, and because of the direct ancestral lines that are traceable through him, on both the father's and the mother's sides, to early Colonial families.

His name appears in the seventh place among those attached to the petition laid before the West Susquehanna Classis which led to the formal organization of Trinity Church on Nov. 20, 1901. On Feb. 23, 1902, he was chosen and ordained to the office of elder. Although in recent years he has not served in any official capacity in the congregation, yet on the day immediately preceding his sudden death, he had accepted appointment for the 25th time in unbroken succession to act as chairman of the Church School Committee on Christmas Decorations for the house of worship. Father DeLong's life began in Longswamp Township, Berks County, Pa., June 24, 1852. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Caroline Hoch, a daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca Diener Hoch. From this union five children were born, all of whom survive: the Rev. Prof. Irwin Hoch DeLong; Sara, wife of Eugene S. Willis, of Pittsburgh; Emma, wife of Erie F. Goss, of Lewistown, R. F. D.; John H., a ward-keeper in the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory, Huntingdon; and Prof. Howard H., recently Director of the California Branch Normal School at Somerset.

After the death in the year 1880 of his first wife, Mr. DeLong removed to Central Pennsylvania, residing at different times in different localities in Snyder and Mifflin Counties. Here he married Amelia Jane Helfrich, a direct descendant of the Reverend Johann Heinrich Helfrich, from 1772 to 1810 pastor of the DeLong Church at what is now known as Bowers, Maxatawny Township, Berks County. To that Church Pyeter Delangh, the great-great-grandfather of Adam Bieber DeLong, and his wife, Eva Elizabeth Weber, in the year 1759, deeded two acres of their farm, as a gift in perpetuity.

Two children came of the DeLong-Helfrich parentage, one [Homer Josiah], who died at the age of 12 years, the other, Raymond Lester, Doctor of Osteopathy, practicing in Wichita, Kansas. The second Mrs. DeLong preceded Mr. DeLong in death by two years, to the very hour.

In the year 1927, for a third time, Mr. DeLong assumed marriage vows, the spouse being the widow of John Martin Hansen, of Butte, Montana, born a Promm, baptized Phillippina Christina Maria, and a native of Kadolzburg, near Nuernberg, Germany, who survives her late husband.

The Pyeter Delangh already mentioned is the earliest known ancestor in the paternal line of Adam Bieber DeLong, the last named having the distinction of being the first in the line of his paternal descent to write the name with the spelling that now generally pre-

vails. The first named came from the Hudson Valley, New York, to Pennsylvania, some time between 1730 and 1738. There were DeLongs in the Hudson Valley at least as early as 1657, all of them traceable in their origin to either Holland or Germany. Pyeter Delangh's wife, Eva Elizabeth Weber, was a daughter of Jacob Weber, who was a prominent member of the now famous Kocherthal Colony of German Lutherans, sent by Queen Anne in 1708 from London to New York.

While resident in Berks County, the late Adam Bieber DeLong followed the occupation of his farmer forebears, himself launching out also into the work of carpenter and painter. During the Lewistown period of his life, he was engaged chiefly in the work of a paper-hanger. His outstanding interests centered in his home, in his daily toil, in his Church, and in Free Masonry.

His funeral assembly was the first to be called together in the beautiful worship room of Trinity Church, dedicated last May. Burial was made in Mount Rock Cemetery alongside of the remains of the second Mrs. DeLong.— **Frederick A. Rupley.**

4) *Delang, Aaron,* born Berks Co., Pa., February 10, 1823, died March 13, 1872, buried Bowers, Pa., married November 26, 1848,

5) *Bieber, Sara,* born October 1, 1821, died November 2, 1873, buried Bowers, Pa.

BAPTISMAL RECORD

CHILD	PARENTS	SPONSORS
1822		
geb. 1 Oktober	Johann Bieber	Die Eltern selbst
1821	Catharina fr.	
Sara		
get. 21 Jenner		

(Church Record, Mertz's Church, Dryville, Pa.)

6) *Hoch, Jeremiah,* born Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 29, 1814, died March 16, 1867, buried in the cemetery of Mertz's Church, Dryville, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., married June . . ., 1837,

7) *Diener, Rebecca,* born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 19, 1813, died August 6, 1892, buried in the cemetery of Mertz's Church, Dryville, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa. ("The Jeremiah Hoch Family Register," by Irwin Hoch DeLong, in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* March, 1925, pages 13ff.).

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum Andenken/ an/ Jeremia Hoch./ Er war geboren den 29./ Dec'ber 1814, starb den 16./ März 1867: alt 52 Jahre./ 2 Mon. und 21 Tage./

Schlafe sanft in deinem Grabe./ Bis zum Auferstehungs Tage./ D.H.Schweyer./

Denkmal/ für Moses Hoch./ Sohn von/ Jeremias und/ Rebecca Hoch./ geboren den 2ten/ September 1849./ starb den 25. Sept./ 1859, alt 10 Jahr/ und 23 Tage./ Text 5 Mose 31., 14./

Rebecca Hoch/ Born June 19, 1813/ Died Aug. 6, 1892/ Age 79 Y. 1 M. & 17 Ds./

Peter J. Rothermel/ A Grand Son/ Died in California/ Age. 33 years/ (Cemetery (new), Mertz's Church, Dryville, Pa.)

8) *Delang, Michael,* born Berks Co., Pa., January 4, 1792, died August 2, 1881, buried Bowers, Pa., married July 28, 1822,

9) *Lobach, Rebecca,* born September 10, 1798, died October 2, 1864, buried Bowers, Pa.

BAPTISMAL RECORD

CHILD	PARENTS	SPONSORS
1792	Michael de Lang et	Jacob Kieffer et
Michael natus d.	Barbara ejus uxor	Marieja ejus uxor
4ten Jan.		
bapt. d. 4ten		
Martz		

(*Kirchen Buch Zur Kirch, Maxetawny, 1765,* Bowers, Pa.)

10) *Bieber, Johannes,* born Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa., April 10, 1783, died October 26, 1862, married March 25, 1815,

11) *Schaefer (Schaffer), Catharina Elisabeta,* born "um 12 Uhr Nachts," in "Ober-Sakon" Township, Northampton Co., Pa., August 23, 1789, living at the time of her marriage in Whitehall Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., died March 20, 1867. ("Genealogical Gleanings from Different Sources (Pa.)," by Irwin Hoch DeLong, in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* June, 1923, pages 20f.).

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum Andenken an/ Johannes Bieber./ Er war/ geboren den 10. April/ 1783 starb d. 26. Octob'r/ 1862. alt 79 Jahre 6/ Mon. und16 Tage./ Leichen Text: 1 Mose 25 C. 8 V./

Zum Andenken an/ Catharina Bieber./ Geborne Schaffer./ Gattin von Johann Bieber/ Geboren August 23. 1789. gestorben Marz 20, 1867./ alt 77 Jahre 6 Monat/ und 28 Tage./
(Cemetery, Bowers, Pa.)

12) *Hoch, Jacob,* born Richmond Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 1, 1790, died June 9, 1867, married (1) August 20, 1814,

13) *Faihgner, Christina,* born "in Stuttgart, im Koenigreich Wuertemberg," July 11, 1788, died September 4, 1826, the date of death was given me by Samuel Hoch, Lyon Station, Pa. Mr. Hoch thinks the date was taken from a gravestone in Friendensburg, Pa., but I have repeatedly sought in vain for the gravestone in Friedensburg. ("The Mabry R. Hoch Family Bibles," by Irwin Hoch DeLong, in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* March, 1925, pages 11ff.).

Here may be added the following:

a.

Andreas Feigner, qualified October 1, 1753, in the "original" list his name appears as Andreas Figener.

b.

Jacob Feigner, son of John Feigner and wife Catharina; born September 24, 1790; baptized October 17; sponsors Jacob Kendel, Susanna Flickinger.

c.

On February 20, 1791, Elisabeth Feigner was one of the sponsors at the baptism of Johannes Fenstermacher, born January 19, 1791.

d.

Johannes Feigner, son of Johannes Feigner and wife Catharina; born July 22, 1792; baptized September 9; sponsors Johannes Hofmann and Maria Hefelfinger.

(b–d from "Records of Egypt Reformed Church, Lehigh County. 1734–1834." In *Pennsylvania Archives,* Vol. VI., Sixth Series.)

e.

The church records of Stuttgart, Germany, seem to contain no record of the birth or baptism of Christina Faihgner. A letter addressed to Deutsches Auslandsinstitut, Stuttgart, Germany, requesting that the church records of Stuttgart be examined for a record of the birth and baptism of Christina Faihgner (Veigner), brought the following reply, in part: "Ich habe daraufhin zunächst in den gedruckten Kirchenbüchern von Stuttgart nachgesehen, aber zur angegebenen Zeit den Namen Faighner, Vaighner, Feigner u. ähnliche nicht gefunden. Da nun jedoch die gedruckten Kirchenregisterbücher sehr unzuverlässig sind, manche Namen gar nicht enthalten, andere wieder nur ganz verstümmelt aufführten, habe ich auf dem evang. Kirchenregisteramt selbst die Originalbücher eingesehen. Sicher ist nun, dass die von Ihnen gesuchte Christina Faighner 1788 11. Juli in

Stuttgart *nicht* geboren und nicht getauft ist. Faigner kommt im Originalbuch, wie mich überzeugte, in keiner nur möglichen Schreibweise vor, auch nicht unter den damaligen Trauungen oder Todesfällen. Dagegen sind im Juli Kinder eines Ehepaars Aigner und Aigster getauft worden. Könnte dies vielleicht stimmen?'' (Letter dated Stuttgart, Germany, May 9, 1930, signed by Kurt Ehr. von Marchtaler).

''Ich habe mich nun nochmals dahinter gemacht und nachgesehen, ob ich irgendeine Spur für Sie in den Kirchenbüchern der evang.-luth. oder in denen der evang.-reform. Gemeinde finden könne, aber es war ganz umsonst. Der Name Faigner, Veigner etc kommt in gar keiner Form um 1730–80 vor. Ebenso auffallend ist, dass auch die von Ihnen in Ihrem Brief vom 29. Mai genannten Paten: Fenstermacher, Kendel, Flickinger nicht irgendwie als Familiennamen in jener Zeit in Stuttgart erscheine.

Ausser den Kirchenbüchern, habe ich dann auch noch die alten Bürger- und Steuer-Listen zu Rat gezogen, immer in der Hoffnung, eine Spur zu bekommen, aber wieder ergebnislos.

Danach kann ich ganz bestimmt versichern, dass die gesuchten Faighner *nicht aus Stuttgart selbst* sind, sondern wohl irgendwoher aus Württemberg. Nach vielerlei Umfrage bin ich nun drauf gekommen, dass im Welzheimer Wald Vaihiger als Haus- oder Hofname vorKommt. Diese Leute Kommen vom Vaihienghof, heissen aber unsprünglich mit Familienname ''Müller.'' Vor ca 150 Jahren (könnte passen) heiratete solch ein Mann namens Müller vom Vaihienghof nach einem andern Ort und dort hiess er nun plötzlich Vaihigner (Vaigner) und so heissen heute angeblich noch seine Nachfahren.— Gleichlaufend damit könnte man annehmen, dass die nach Amerika ausgewanderten Müller (Vaihigner) sich den früheren Haus- oder Hofnamen als Familiennamen drüben zulegten.'' (From a letter by Kurt Ehr. von Marchtaler, dated Pankokweg 1, Stuttgart, July 11, 1930).

14) *Diener, John* (*Johannes*), born October 1, 1779, died Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., February 20, 1860, "im Alter von 80 Jahren, 4 Monaten und 19 Tagen," married August 22, 1809 (See "Register of Marriages and Burials Between the Years 1790 and 1810. By the Rev. Johannes Heinrich Helffrich" in Publications of *The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania,* March, 1912, page 18),

15) *Heinrich* (*Henrich*), *Charlotte,* born November 15, 1782, died May 12, 1849.

[According to the Church Records of Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa., she was born on the 13th day of November and "renata" or baptized on the 6th of April.]

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Denkmal/ für/ Johannes Diener/ geboren den 1/ October 1779/ starb den 20/ Febru'r 1860/ Alter 80 Jah/re 4 Monat u./ 19 Tage./

Denkmal/ für/ Scharlotte Die/ner geborne Hen/richin, geboren den 15 Novemb'r/ 1782, starb den/ 12 May 1849/ Alter 66 Jahre/ 5 Mon. u. 27 Tage./

(Cemetery (old), Mertz's Church, Dryville, Pa.). See also "The Jeremiah Hoch Family Register," cited above.

16) *Delangh, Michael,* born Berks Co., Pa., November 26, 1739, died January 26, 1819, buried Bowers, Pa., married . . ., **17)** *Bollebach, Maria Barbara,* born July 18, 1756, baptized December 3, 1756, died January 18, 1832, buried Bowers, Pa.

18) *Lobach, Friedrich,* born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., **19)** *Diener, Anna Catharina,* born March 13, 1774, died February 15, 1821, buried in the cemetery at Bowers, Pa. See my "Pennsylvania Gravestone Inscriptions," page 2, number 12.

20) *Bieber, Theobald* (*Dewald, Dewaldt*), born June 2, 1756, died May 13, 1826, buried Bowers, Pa., married . . ., **21)** *Bayer* (*Beyer*), *Elisabetha,* born February 9, 1755, died December 3, 1819, buried Bowers, Pa. ("Pennsylvania Gravestone Inscriptions," by Irwin Hoch DeLong, Lancaster, Wickersham Press, 1925, numbers 16 and 17. For the gravestone inscriptions of numbers **3), 4), 5), 8), 9), 16),** and **17)** see the gravestone inscriptions numbered as follows: 137, 136, 135, 133, 134, 84, and 85).

22) *Schaefer* (*Schaffer*), *Georg Peter,* born January 10, 1760, died April 17, 1805, married [1785], **23)** *Schwalbe* (*Schwalmm*), *Christina,* born . . ., died . . . ("Genealogical Gleanings from Different Sources (Pa.)," cited above.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Hier Ruhet in Gott/ Georg Peter/ Schaffer, er ward gebohren 1760 d. 10 Jener/ er lebte in der ehe 20 Jahr/ mit Christina Schwalmm damit (?) gezeug (sic)/ 10 Kinder als 4 Söhne u. 6 Töchter, er starb 1805/ d. 17 April, er brachte/ sein alter zu 45 Jahr/ 3 Mo. u. 7 Tag./

The gravestone was sunken in the ground and was brought to the surface with unusual labor. Afterwards the inscription was carefully read by the writer and Dr. Clarence E. Keiser. This was done May

19, 1926. William and Russel, sons of Dr. Keiser, and their grandmother, Mrs. Keiser, were also at the grave on the day named. All of us made the trip from Lyons by automobile with the express purpose to locate the grave and to copy the inscription on the gravestone. (Cemetery (old), Union Church, Neff's, Pa.).

24) *Hoch, Jacob,* born . . ., died . . ., married . . .,
25) *Carl (Karl), Catharina,* born . . ., died. . . . ("The Mabry R. Hoch Family Bibles," cited above.)

28) *Diener, Johann Heinrich,* born Birstein, Hesse, Germany, December 4, 1747, (came to this country with his parents in 1751, his father "qualified" September 14, 1751), died December 11, 1825, married (2) October . . ., 1778,
29) *Staud, Catharina,* born . . ., died . . ., 1840.

"Anno 1778. Im October bin ich Johann Henrich Diener in den Heil. Ehestand getreten mit Catharina Staudin." From Family Bible of Henrich Däumer [Diener] in den Olÿer Bergen," Marburg/ Gedruckt . . . Im Jahr Christi M DC LXXIX).

30) *Henrich, Jacob,* born June 12, 1744, baptized June 14, 1760, died . . ., 1806, married . . .,
31) *Dilbon, Margaret,* born . . ., died . . ., 1825. Cf. the will of Henry Dilbon, below, no. **62)**.

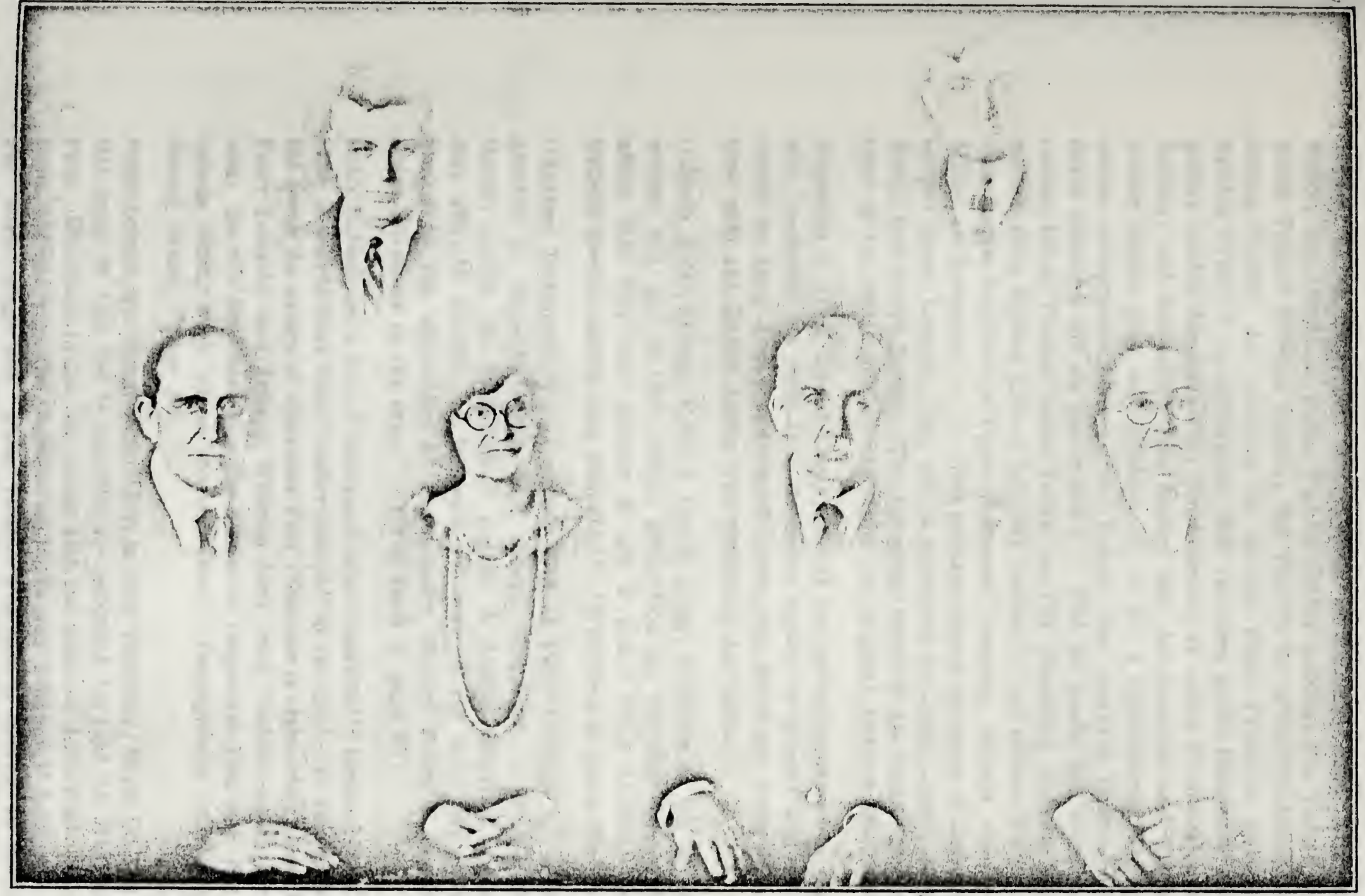
32) *Delangh, Pyeter,* born . . ., died Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa., ..., 1760 (his will was probated May 17, 1760), married while still in Ulster Co., New York, at least as early as August 5, 1724,
33) *Weber, Eva Elisabetha,* born . . ., [1707], died Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa., . . . ("Early Occurrences of the Family Name DeLong in Europe and in America," in *The Reformed Church Review,* July, 1924, page 273).

34) *Bollenbacher, Johan Abraham,* born . . ., "qualified" November 25, 1740, at which time he was 25 years of age, in 1746 he was in the neighborhood of "Northkill," in 1751 he was granted a warrant for land in Brunswick Township, which later became part of Schuylkill Co., at the close of the year 1756 he was still in that neighborhood, died . . ., married . . .,
35) ——, *Anna Margretha,* born . . ., died . . .

36) *Lobach, Peter,* born . . ., died . . ., married (2) . . .,
37) —— (*Betz?*), *Susanna,* born . . ., died . . . In Rockland Township, Berks Co., lived a widow Lobach, in 1790. Is this the widow of Peter, or that of his son Peter? See Will.

WILL OF PETER LOBACH

Peter Lobach of Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., fuller, made his will August 12, 1783, and the same was probated December 6, 1785. It is written in German and is on file in the Court House, Reading, Pa., and is also recorded in Will Book A, pages 92ff., cf. also Will Book 3, page 60. "Und ich gebe und bescheide an mein geliebtes Weib Susanna . . . die übrige sechtzig Pfund soll mein und ihr jüngster Sohn Friedrich bekommen . . . meinem Sohn Johannes Lobach gebe bescheide und vermache ich Zehen Akker Landes liegend linker Hand der Strasse nach Philada. gehend, anzufahen an des George Keims Lande, so dass Keims Lande die Eine Linie und besagte Strasse die andere Linie seÿ, und dass, das daselbst liegende Gebäu und Improvement mit eingeschlossen werde, vor besagten Johannes Lobach . . . mein Land welches ich in York County, Manahen Township habe, begreiffend ohngefähr 368 Akker Landes es sei weniger oder mehr, solches übergebe, vermache und bescheide ich samt alle desselben Zugehör, Rechten, Einkommen, Anforderungen und Benutzungen an meine dreÿ Söhne Abraham Lobach, Daniel Lobach und Andreas Lobach in dreÿ gleiche Theile, . . . Alle mein Land und Plantasche worauf ich nun wohne und besitze gelegen in obengenanntem Rockland Taunschip begreiffend ohngefähr 131 Akker Landes es seÿ weniger oder mehr samt alle desselben Zugehör an Gebäuden, Häuser, Scheuer Ställen, fullmühl mit allem was zur Fullmühl gehört, samt allen Improvements auf meinem besagtem Lande und alle desselben Rechten, Anforderungen und Benutzungen, so einigerley Weise dazu gehört, ingleichen alles Bauer Geschirre und Fuller Geschirre welcherleÿ Art und Namens dasselbe seÿ. Item alle mein Rind-Vieh und Schafe, ingleichen zweÿ Stücke Pferde-Vieh und zwar die besten, samt Geschirre für 2 Pferde, dieses alles gebe vermache und bescheide ich an meinen Sohn Samuel Lobach . . . Item dass er [Samuel] an eine jede meiner noch Ledigen Töchter freÿ gebe und liefere zur Zeit wenn es jede füglich brauchen kan Eine Kuhe und ein Rind 2 jahr alt und ein Schaf und ein Lamm. Weiter ist mein Wille dass alle meine ledige Töchter aus meiner Estate ein solch Heÿraths-Gut an allerleÿ Geräthschaft haben und empfangen sollen, dem Werth oder Sachen nach so nahe as seÿn mag, als wie ich meiner Tochter Maria Siegfried gegeben habe. Alles übrige meines Vermögens . . . befehle und verordne ich, dass es durch meine Executors in Acht gleiche Theile soll gerichtet werden, und da verordne und gebe ich den ersten achten Theil an meine

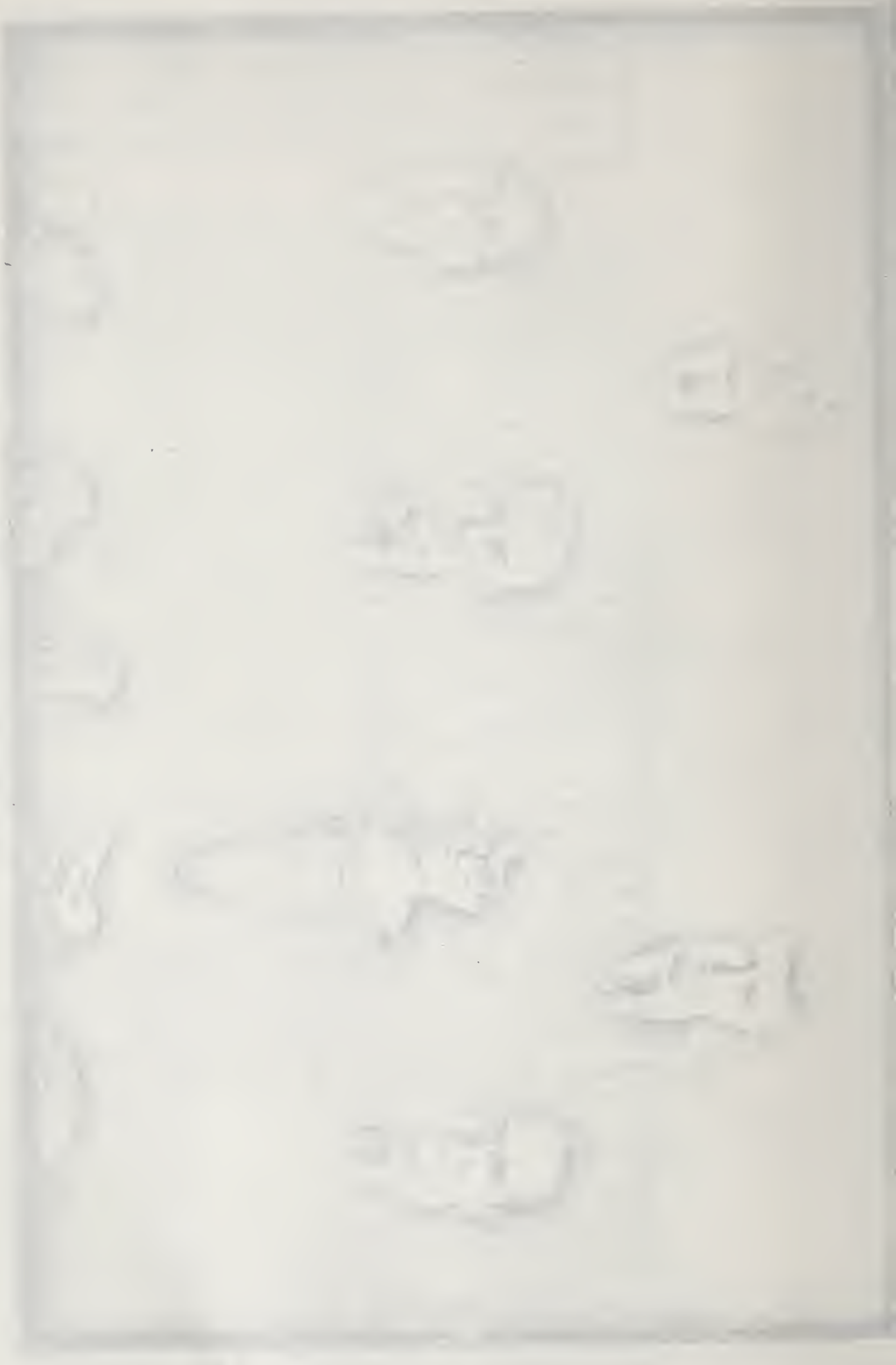


A DeLONG FAMILY GROUP

John H. DeLong — Howard H. DeLong

Irwin Hoch DeLong — Sara Willis — Adam B. DeLong — Emma Goss

(Photograph taken December 14, 1926)



Tochter Maria Siegfried; den zweÿten an meine Tochter Susanna Reder; den dritten an meine Tochter Esther Lobach; den vierten an meine Tochter Rebecca Lobach; den fünften an meine Tochter Magdalena Weiser, den sechsten an meinen Sohn Friedrich Lobach, welcher Friedrich zu schikklicher Zeit zu einem guten Handwerk soll gethan werden dass ers lerne; den siebenten an meine Tochter Hanna Lobach; und den achten oder letzten theil der besagten acht Theile meiner Estate gebe und verordne ich an die 4 hinterlassene Kinder meines verstorbenen Sohnes Peter Lobach dass ebenfalls Eines soviel davon bekomme soll als das andere . . . Und ich mache und verordne meinen lieben Freund Daniel Levan von Olÿ Taunschip yeoman, und meinen Sohn Samuel Lobach beÿ mir wohnhaft, und meinen Tochterman Joseph Siegfried in Upper Hannover Township, Philada. County, Miller, zu Executors . . .'' The testator signed his name in German script: Peter Lobach. The will is witnessed by Jacob Joder, Jörg Keim, and Daniel Yoder. The foregoing excerpts are taken from a copy of the will, made directly from the original, October 25, 1929.

December 6, 1785, Daniel Levan, one of the executors named in the will, renounced his right in a document signed by himself and witnessed by Mary Levan and Daniel Levan, the latter not being identical with the Daniel Levan who renounced his right.

''Jacob Joder, George Keim & Daniel Joder, witnesses to the above written will, and on their solemn affirmation did severally declare & affirm that they were present & saw & heard Peter Lobach, the testator therein named, sign, seal, etc.'' (Will Book A, pages 92–94).

''Letters Testamentary . . . on the Will of Peter Lobach . . . were granted to Samuel Lobach and Joseph Siegfried . . . Executors therein named, the said Samuel Lobach & Joseph Siegfried being duly affirmed thereto . . . the said will was on the same day duly proved by the affirmation of Jacob Joder, George Keim & Daniel Joder, witnesses to the same.'' (Will Book 3, page 60).

Peter Labach, in a list of foreigners who ''qualified'' September 12, 1734, is said to have been ''under sixteen'' at the time. In this same list occur the names of Johannes Pott (this one is right after that of Peter Labach) and Johann Wilhelm Pott, both likewise under sixteen. In this list occur also the names of Degenhart Pott and Wilhelmus Pott, both above sixteen. See ''*Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series,'' page 108.

Peter Lobach was a taxable in 1757, in Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa. His name in this list is immediately preceded by that of William Pott. Elsewhere in the list occurs also the name of John Pott. See Rupp, ''History of the Counties of Berks and Lebanon,'' Lancaster, Pa. 1844. Page 238. Peter Lobach was also a taxable in Rockland Township, in 1757. *Ibid.*, page 243.

38) *Diener, Peter,* born April 28, 1753, died November 10, 1798, married May 9, 1773,
39) *Maier, Anna Margaretha,* born July 10, 1752, died February 26, 1825, both are buried in the cemetery, Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Hier/ ruhen die Gebeine/ des Verstorbenen/ Peter Diener/ gebohren d. 28th Aprill/ 1753. Er Lebte mit/ Margaretha seiner Ehe/gattin 25 Jahr 6 Monath/ in der Ehe, und Zeugten/ 9 Kinder, starb d. 10th No/vember 1798. Sein alter/ 45 Jahr 6 Monath 14 Tag/ Leichen Text Hiob 14 C: v. 2/

Hier/ ruhen in Gott/ die Gebeine der gewesenen/ Anna Margaretha Diener/ Gattin des Peter Diener Sie/ wurde gebohren den 10ten/ July im Jahr 1752. vereh/lichte sich den 9ten May im/ Jahr 1773* und starb den/ 26ten February 1825 Ih/res alters 72 Jahre 7 Mo/nath und 16 Tage./
(Cemetery, Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa. Copied July 20, 1929).

Letters of Administration were granted to Margaret Diener, widow of Peter Diener late of Earl Township, Berks Co., Pa., and to Mathias Richards, Esq., a friend of the deceased, December 18, 1798. See Letters of Administration, Vol. 5, page 176, Court House, Reading, Pa.

Margaretha Diener, Earl Township, Berks Co., Pa., made her will October 3, 1822, and the same was probated April 16, 1825. After the funeral expenses and her debts are paid all the residue of her estate is to be divided into nine equal shares among all her children. Later in the will she mentions the number of her children when she says: "among my nine children". Cf. the gravestone inscription above. The share of her daughter Catherine, married to Frederich Lobach, is to be equally divided among Catharine's children, so also the share of her daughter Moly, married to George Clauser, is to be equally divided among Moly's children. Her son Henry Diener and her son-in-law John Koch are named executors. None of the other children are mentioned by name. The will is witnessed by John Riter and George Schall. The testatrix signed her name in German script: Margreth Diener. See Will Book D, page 459, Court House, Reading, Pa.

40) *Bieber* (*Beaver*), *Dietrick,* born . . ., died . . ., married . . .,

* Same date in "Marriage Record of The Reformed Church, Falkner Swamp, Montgomery County, Pa., 1748–1800," page 616, in *Pennsylvania Archives,* Second Series, vol. VIII, pages 611–629).

41) ——, *Elizabeth,* born . . ., died . . . Deeded their land, August 1, 1786, to their son Theobald Bieber.

48) *Hoch, Rudolph,** born September . . ., 1725, died . . . (his will was probated November 10, 1796), married . . .,
49) *Weber, Mary,* born . . ., died . . . (her will was probated May 7, 1821).

56) *Diener, Henrich Gerhardt,* born Birstein, Hesse, Germany, February 18, 1720, died . . ., 1772, on a farm near Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa., married in Birstein, Germany, January 18, 1747,
57) *Krock, Anna Elizabeth,* born in Birstein, Germany, December 10, 1713, died . . . (emigration pass issued to Henrich Gerhardt Diener by the authorities in Birstein, Germany, May 13, 1751; he arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., in the Ship Duke of Bedford. Qualified September 14, 1751).

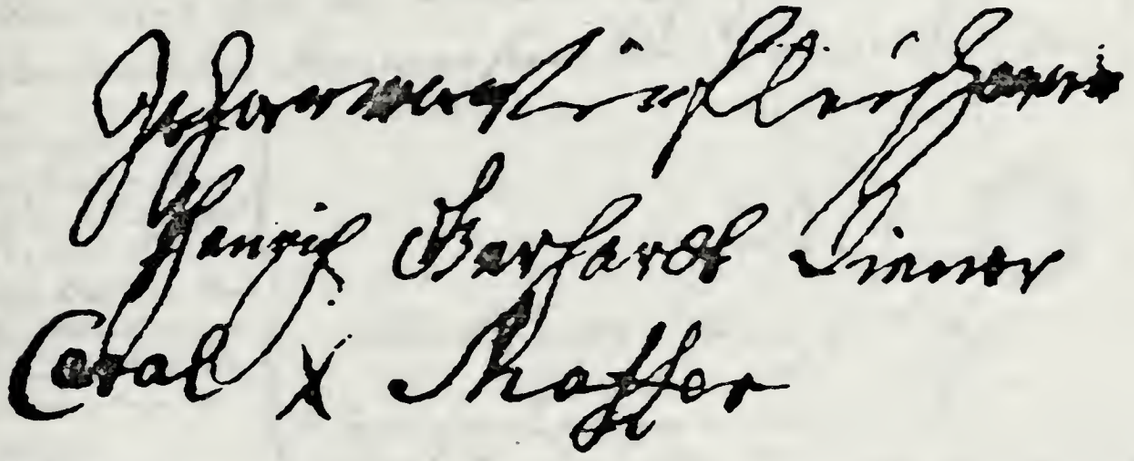
WILL OF HENRICH DIENER

Henrich Diener, "in District near Oly Townsheep in Berks County;" made his will November 10, 1772, and the same was probated Decem-

* He built a house in Maidencreek Township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1755. In the gable-end of the house, on the side towards the road, is a rough inscription of initials and a date. The date is clearly legible. The first initial is an "R", the middle is no longer legible, and the last is not clear. On September 22, 1929, I read the inscription: R [illegible] H/ 1755/. The initial at present illegible is declared by the people living on the farm to be an "M". If it is an "M", then it might be the initial of the maiden name of his mother. However, the "M" might also be intended as the initial of the name of his wife: Mary. Perhaps the original was R & M H: i.e., Rudolf & Mary Hoch. Until the maiden name of his mother is known, nothing more definite can be stated.—"Thirdly, I Give & Devise to my said Son John High all that Messuage Tenement & part of my Present dwelling Plantation Situate in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid That lies on the Northside of a run of Water called the Willow run bounded on the East by land of said Stanly Kerby, Northward by a Publick road Leading from Reading to Easton, Westward by land of Adam Kindt & Southward by said Willow Run Supposed to contain about Ninety two acres & allowance." (From Will of Rudolph Hoch, dated October 21, 1793, probated November 10, 1796. Will Book B, pages 437–439, Reading, Pa.) The present owner of the farm is Mrs. Irwin Hoch, Temple, Pa., who is a born Edelman, daughter of David Edelman and his wife, a born Dunkel; her brother George Edelman is farming the farm for his sister (1929).

ber 18, 1772. It is written in German and is on file in the Court House, Reading, Pa., but is not recorded. "Nach meinem Todt . . . da soll meinen (sic) Jüngsten sohn Peter mein land alles Vor sein Eigentum über geben werten Vor ewig aber der Peter soll den (sic) altesten henrich Ein hundert Pfund Lawfull geld herr aus Bezahlen . . ." ". . . und den Bernd Oswalt meinen Brindes [= apprentice] den soll der henrich haben u: soll in dass schumacher handwerck Lernen und im geben was der Indenter fordert wan der Indenter aus ist . . . " Provision is made for his "hinder lassene hausfrau", but her name is not mentioned. The will is witnessed by George Schall and Tobias Schall. The testator signed his name in German script: Henrich Diener. See the original and also Will Book 2, page 120, Court House, Reading, Pa.

Rupp in his "Thirty Thousand Names", Harrisburg, 1858, page 184, column 2, prints the name as Henrich Bernhardt Diener. It is also printed thus in "Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series," vol. XVII, page 334; column 2. The following facsimile of his autograph signature, made from a photostatic copy of the original list, proves that his middle name is "Gerhardt" and not "Bernhardt":



60) *Henrich, Christian,* born . . ., a taxable in Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1757 (See Rupp, page 243), died in Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., . . ., 1791 (his will was probated April 26, 1791), married . . .

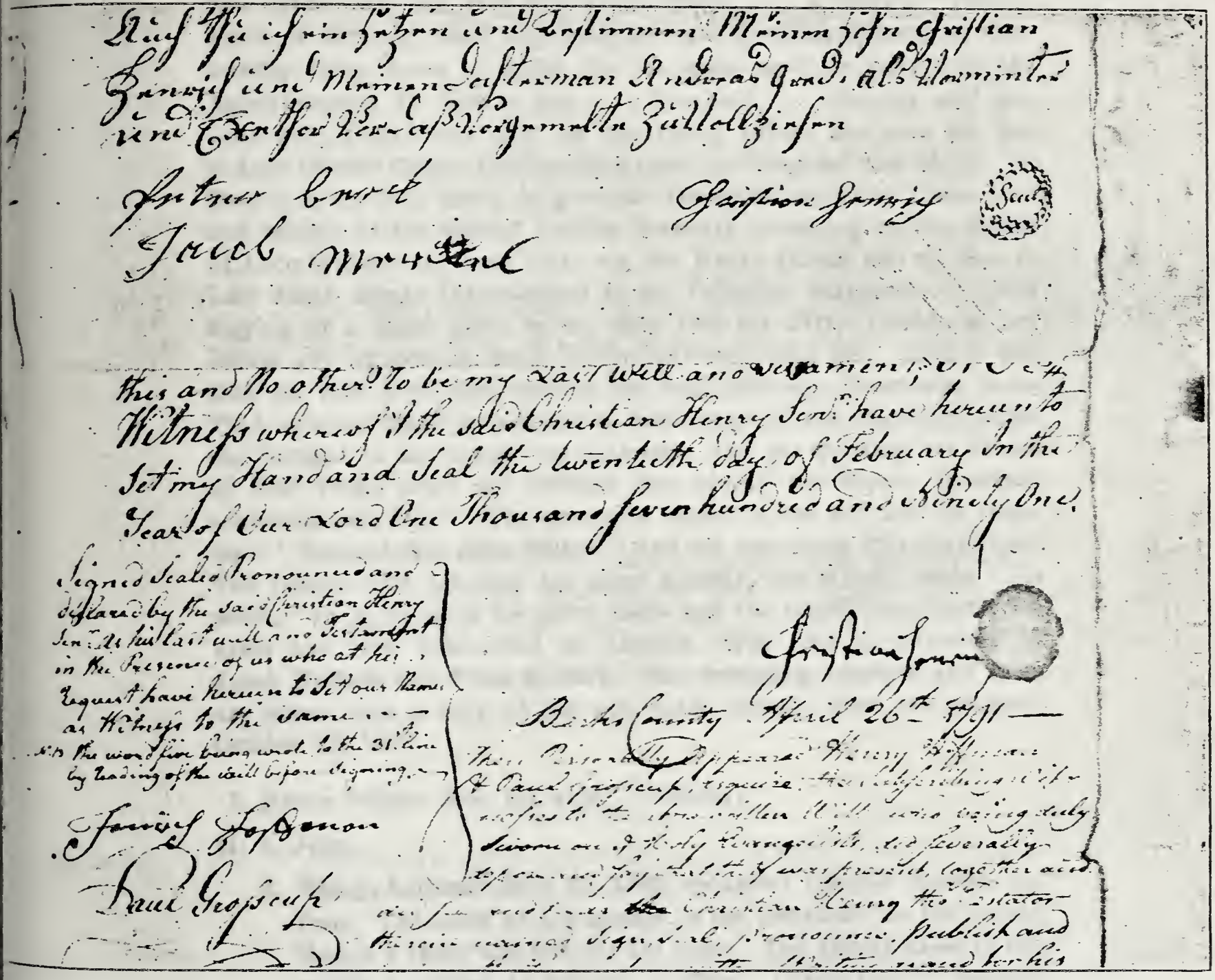
61) *Scheurer, Anna Martha* (Mertz Church Records), born . . ., died . . .

62) *Dilbon, Henry,* born . . ., died . . ., 1785, married . . .,

63) ——, *Eve,* born . . ., died . . .

WILL OF HENRY DILBON

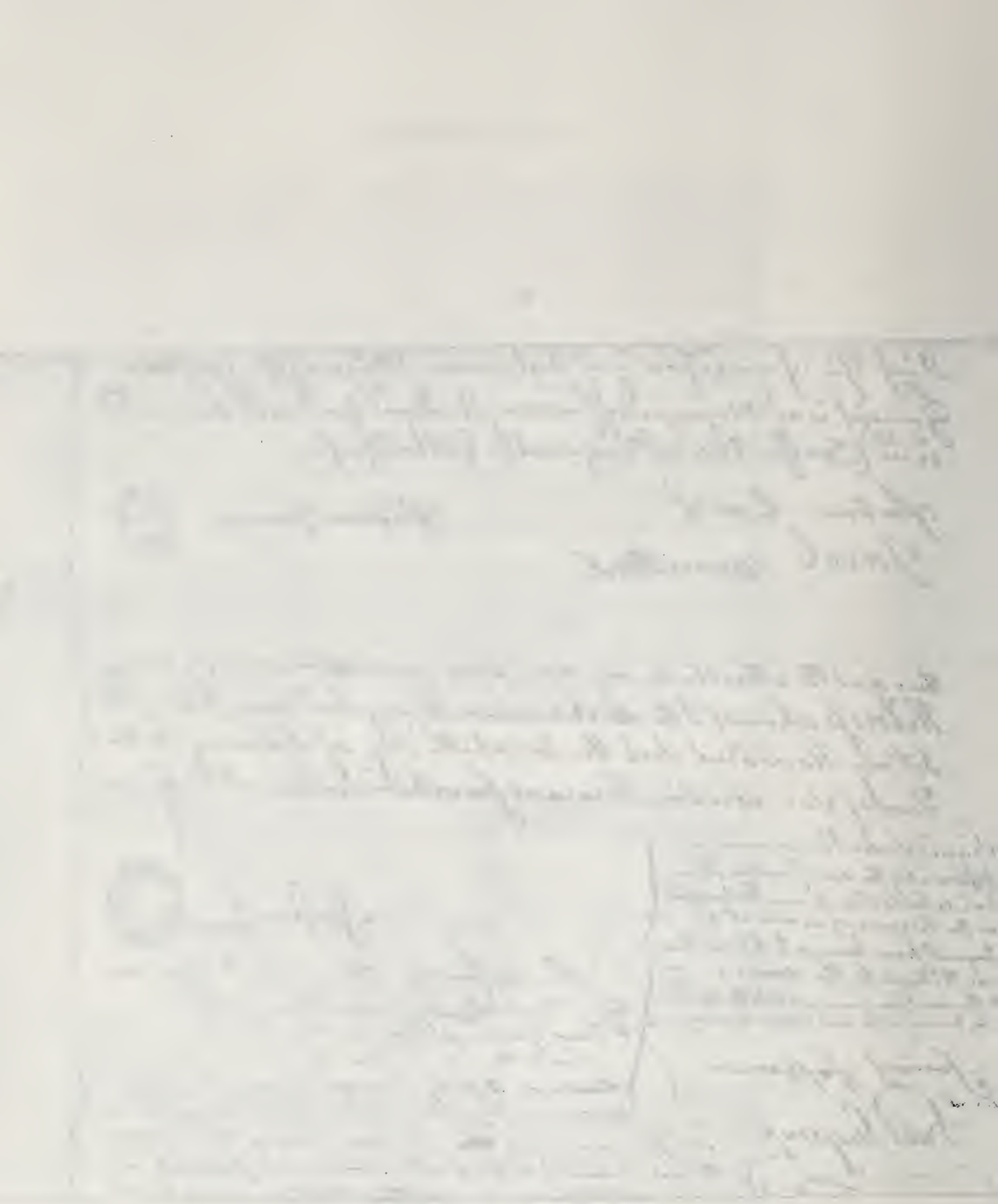
Henry Dilbon of Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., made his will June 9, 1785, and the same was probated July 20, 1785. It is written in English and is on file in the Court House, Reading, Pa. "It is



TWO HENRICH WILLS SUPERIMPOSED

a. Will of Christian Henrich, "the Elder," Albany Township, Berks Co., March 9, 1798, probated, December 17, 1798. See page 33.

b. Will of Christian Henrich, Sen., Rockland Township, Berks Co., February 20, 1791, probated, April 26, 1791. See pages 30–32.



my will and I do Give Devise and Bequeath My Plantation whereon I now live Situate in Rockland Township and County aforesaid, Containing Two Hundred and Eighteen Acres Deed Land (be the same more or less) with all the Improvements thereon and Appurtinances thereunto belonging Unto my Son John Dilbon . . . I also give, will, and devise unto my said Son John Dilbon . . . a certain Piece or Tract of Warrant Land adjoining my said Dwelling Plantation Containing Fifty Acres of Land (be the same more or less) with the Appurtenances To hold to him . . . Provided . . . that my said Son John Dilbon shall Pay unto my Son Henry Dilbon and unto my Son in Law Charles Geiger Intermarried unto my Daughter Ann Mary . . . Item it is my Will and I do give and Devise all my Land I now hold and bought at the Sheriff Vendue formerly belonging to the Estate of Late William Maybury Unto my Son Henry Dilbon and my Son in Law Jacob Henry Intermarried to my Daughter Margaret . . . And Paying of a Bond given to my wife Eve for Fifty Pounds as her Dower per Agreement made before marriage with her. Item I will that my said Wife Eve besides the Bond allready Mentioned to be Paid unto her Shall be allowed to take away all her Moveable which she brought to me before our Marriage, and she quitting my House in four weeks after my Decease She having the Money Promised aforesaid paid her.'' The executors named in the will are the testator's ''Beloved Son John Dilbon'' and his son-in-law Charles Geiger. The testator did not sign his name himself, but simply made ''his mark,'' an X, between the given name and the family name after his name had been subscribed by another. The will is witnessed by Jacob Heffner and Peter Kieffer. The foregoing excerpts and facts are taken from a copy of the will, made directly from the original, October 25, 1929.

I. Henry Dilbon, Eve, his wife. Children:

II. 1. John.

2. Henry, baptized June 30, 1765, sponsors: Henrich Sowash und frau. The name of the mother is not mentioned in the record, though a space was left for her name. The family name in this record is written as follows: Dielbon. (From Church Records, Bowers, Pa.).

3. Ann Mary, married Charles Geiger. For their children, see Appendix A, 5, page 30.

4. Margaret, died 1825, married Jacob Henrich, she having been his second wife. See Appendix A, page 24.

Henrich Thielbon ''qualified'' November 25, 1740. In the ''original list'' the name appears as Henrich Dielbon and he is said to have been 16 years of age at the time. See *Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series, Vol. XVII, page 201.

Henry Dilboren, and Peter Dellborn, taxables in 1768, in Richmond Township, Berks Co., Pa. See Rupp, "History of the Counties of Berks and Lebanon," Lancaster, Pa., 1844. Page 240.

Anna Maria Tillbon, and Johannes Raessler were married May 18, 1756. See "Marriage Record of the German Reformed Church, at Philadelphia, 1748–1802," page 737, in *Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series, Vol. VIII, pages 661–746.

66) *Weber, Jacob,* born . . ., [in 1708 he was 30 years of age], died . . ., married . . .,

67) ——, *Anna Elisebetha,* born . . ., [in 1708 she was 25 years of age], died. . . . Jacob Weber was a member of the Kochertal colony which set out from Frankfurt a.M., Germany, in 1708, for London, England, and which later in the year, under the auspices of Queen Anne, set out from London, England, for New York, where the colony settled along the Hudson River. See "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang", page 25.

72) *Lobach, Peter,* born . . ., 1687, died in Europe, 1720, married . . .,

73) *Meij, Gerdrod,* born . . ., came to this country in 1734 as the wife of Wilhelmus Pott, the date of her death is not known. Cf. Deed of William Pott to Peter Lobach, Appendix C, page 39f.; and sources under no. **36,** above.

76) = **56)**

77) = **57)**

80) *Bieber* (*Bever*), *George,* born . . ., died . . ., (date of land Warrant February 13, 1744, date of land Patent March 2, 1744), married . . .,

81) ——, *Margaret,* born . . ., died. . . . Deeded their land to Dietrick Bieber "the only son and heir apparent", September 26, 1761.

96) *Hoch, Johannes,* born . . ., died July 11, 1777, in Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., in his 77th year (his will was probated January 18, 1779; the renunciation of John Deturck, one of the executors, named in the will, is dated January 4, 1779), married . . .,

97) ——, *Susanna,* born . . ., died February 22, 1763, in her 65th year.

112) *Diener, Johannes,* born . . ., died . . ., 1752, married June 19, 1718,
113) *Eisenhut, Anna Margrethe,* born . . ., died . . ., 1763.

152) = **112)**
153) = **113)**

192) *Hoch, Rudolf,* born . . ., died January 8, 1748, married . . .,
193) ——, *Veronica,* born . . ., died . . ., 1728. Both buried in a private cemetery on their farm in Oley, Pa.

Note: For tabular summary of the foregoing see Chart, facing page 100.

V. APPENDIXES

Appendix A

1.

Descendants of Jacob Henrich

(son of Christian Henrich and his wife Anna Martha, a born Scheuer or Scheurer)

I. *Christian Henrich* (1), born . . ., died . . ., Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa. For further facts, see below, "Children of Christian Henrich." There are known records of eight children, of these children the oldest is:

II. 1. *Jacob Hennerich* (2), born June 12, 1744, baptized June 14, 1760 (sponsor: Johannes Scheurer), died . . ., Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., his will was probated September 30, 1806, married (1) . . ., *Sarah* ——, born . . ., died. . . . Children:

III. 1) *Elizabeth* (3), married *James Hayden;*
2) *Catharine* (4), married *Jacob Day;*
3) *Susanna* (5);
4) *Esther* (6), married *John Hartlein.*

II married (2) *Margaret Dilbon* (daughter of Henry Dilbon, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa.), born . . ., died . . ., her will was probated April 18, 1825. Children:

III. 5) *Maria* (7), born May 21, 1780, "renata" January 7, 1781 (sponsors: Carl Geiger et uxor Maria), died . . ., prior to December 1, 1823, the date of her mother's will; in the will she is referred to as no longer living.

6) *Charlotta* (8), born November 13 (according to her gravestone she was born November 15), 1782, "renata" April 6, 1783 (sponsor: Charlotta Stumpin), died May 12, 1849, married *Johannes Diener,* born October 1, 1779, died February 20, 1860. Children:

IV. (1) *Rebecca Diener* (17), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 19, 1813, baptized Margaretha August 1, 1813 (sponsor Margaretha Hennrich), died August 6, 1892, buried in the cemetery (new), Mertz's Church, Dryville, Pa., married June . . ., 1837, *Jeremiah Hoch,* born Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 29, 1814, died March 16, 1867. Children 11 (see *National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* March, 1925, page 14), one of these is:

V. a. *Carolina Hoch* (26), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August 12, 1851, baptized October 26, 1851 (Church Records, Bowers, Pa.), died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880, married *Adam B. DeLong,* born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24, 1852, died Lewistown, Pa., December 10, 1928, buried Mt. Rock Cemetery, Lewistown, Pa. Children 5, of whom the first-born is:

VI. a) IRWIN HOCH DELONG (27), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873. For a record of the other children, see "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang", 1926, pages 18ff.

IV. (2) *Lydia Diener* (18), married August 3, 1835, Daniel Kelchner of Ruscombmanor Township, Berks Co., Pa.

III. 7) *Margaret* (9), born January 4, 1784, "renata" May 30, 1784 (sponsors: Carl Geiger et ejus uxor Maria = Anna Mary, daughter of Henry Dilbon and his wife Eve).

8) *Hanna* (10), born June (perhaps: January) 21, 1785, baptized May 7, 1785 (perhaps: 1786), sponsor: Catharina Hennerichin.

9) *Magdalena* (11), born April 5, 1787, "renata" April 29, 1787, sponsor: Catharina Hennerichin, ledig.

III. 10) *Christian* (12), born January 23, 1790, baptized May 9, 1790, sponsors: Eltern selbst.

11) *Anna* (13), born November 22, 1791, baptized July 1, 1792 (sponsor: Mutter selbst), married . . ., John Oyster.

12) *Lydia* (14), born April 17, 1794, baptized September 21, 1794, sponsor: Elisabeth Geigerin, ledige.

13) *Margaret* (15), born September 5, 1796, baptized February 5, 1797 (sponsor: Elisabeth Heinerichin, ledig), married *George Deveas.*

14) *Jonathan* (16), born June 16, 1798, died August 23, 1855, named executor in the will of his mother, married . . ., *Susanna* ——, born . . ., died . . . Children:

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Hier ruhet/ Jonathan Heinrich/ geb. den 16 Juny 1798/ starb den 23 Aug. 1855/ alt 57 Jahr 2 mon./ und 7 Tage/ (Cemetery (old), Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied January 10, 1930).

IV. (1) *Catharina* (19), born September 21, 1827, baptized December 16, 1827, sponsors: Reuben Kline, and Catharina.

(2) *Susanna* (20), born October 15, 1829, baptized January 17, 1830, sponsors: Salm (?) Staut, Sara.

(3) *Sara* (21), born June 27, 1832, baptized December 16, 1832, sponsors: John Diener, Schorlette.

(4) *Sobina* (22), born January 2, 1835, baptized March 10, 1835, sponsors: John Merz, Sara Denis (?).

(5) *Maria Anna* (23), born June 25, 1837, baptized June 25, 1837 (so, according to the record), sponsors: Henry (?) Stoplet, Metida.

(6) *Elisabeth* (24), born June (?) 23, 1841, baptized May 23 (the figure 3 is clear, but the figure preceding it is blurred), 1841, sponsors: John (?) —— (?), Maria. (These records (1)–(6) are in the Church Records, Bowers, Pa.).

IV. (7) *Sarah Schlägel* (25), born. . . . Jonathan Heinrich says in his will, dated August 14, 1855, probated October 4, 1855, "dass die Sarah Schlägel mit in das Erbtheil kommen soll, und in gleichen Theil zu Erben wie meine übrigen Kinder oder Gesetzmässigen Erben dass sie Alle rechte haben soll, als wäre sie mein Eichens Kind." (Will Book 10, pages 293f., compared with the original, Reading, Pa.). The testator does not name his own children in his will, nor is there any other reference to his own children. He names however his "Geliebte frau Susanna." The executors are Solomon Herbein and Benjamin Roth. The will is witnessed by Benjamin E. Dry and Jonas Merkel.

Where no other sources are named the foregoing information is derived from the will of Jacob Henry, dated September 20, 1806, approved September 30, 1806, from that of his widow Margaret , dated December 1, 1823, approved April 18, 1825, from the records of Mertz's Church, Dryville, Pa., and from inscriptions on gravestones. The will of Jacob Henry was witnessed by Paul Grosscup and Henry Heist, and the executors named in the will are his wife Margaret and his son-in-law Jacob Scherk. To which of his daughters was Jacob Scherk married? The testator signed his name in German script: Jacob Henrich. The will of Margaret Henry was witnessed by Jacob Dressler (not Diester, cf. the original will!) and David Meyer, and the executor named in the will is her son Jonathan. The testatrix made her "mark" to her signature.

2.

Children of Christian Henrich

Christian Henrich, born . . ., died . . ., Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., came to this country in 1742, "qualified" September 21, in the same year, a taxable in Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1757 (Rupp, page 243), made his will February 20, 1791, which was probated April 26, 1791, married

. . ., *Anna Martha,* a born Scheuer or Scheurer, born . . ., died. . . . Children:

1. *Jacob,* born June 12, 1744, baptized June 14, 1760 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich s. fr. Anna Martha), sponsor: Johannes Scheurer.
2. *Johann Peter,* born June 11, 1752, baptized June 14, 1752 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich ux. Anna Margretha, a born Scheurin), sponsors: Jacob Scheuer (who may be the same as Johan Jacob Scheier, who "qualified" September 3, 1742, and whose name appears in the "original list" as Jacob Share, age 22, who may also be identical with Jacob Scheurer, the husband of Anna Elis., a born Schlichter, in the record of the baptism of a son Johan Nicolaus who was born to this couple November 4, 1755, baptized January 24, 1756, sponsors: Joh. Nicolaus Schlichter and his wife Anna Barbara), and Magd. Scheurin (who was married to Jacob Trog, August 10, 1754; this couple baptized a child, Anna Maria, born May 15, 1755, baptized June 15, 1755, sponsors: Christian Heinrich ux. Anna Maria).
3. *Christian,* born January 21, 1757, baptized February 13, 1757 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich ux. Anna Magdal. n.), sponsors: Christian Schlegel, and —— [the given name is not recorded] Langin.
4. *Daniel,* born November 30, 1758, baptized April 7 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich ux: Anna Martha), sponsors: Daniel Düfft et Elis: Duzing.
5. *Elisabetha,* born December 11, 1760, baptized January 25, 1761 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich s. fr. Anna Martha), sponsors: Eltern selbst.
6. *Johannes,* born May 11, 1766, baptized June 29, 1766 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich ux. Martha), sponsors: Johannes Rauenzaner et ux. Elisabetha Marcretha.
7. *Conrad,* born October 16, 1767, baptized January 3, 1768 (the parents are: Christian Heinrich ux. Martha), sponsors: Conrad Schaedi et ux. Elisabetha.
8. *Catherine,* born . . ., married prior to February 20, 1791, *George Neidlinger,* born. . . . Catharina appears as a sponsor in a record of baptism, dated March 13, 1791, and in the

same record she is spoken of as the wife of Georg Neidlinger; in her father's will, dated somewhat earlier, February 20, 1791, she is spoken of as the wife of George Neidlinger. Evidently she was married prior to this latter date. According to a record of baptism, dated April 29, 1787, she was still "ledig" or single at that time. See the record in "Descendants of Jacob Henrich".

Here may be added two records of baptism in which Christian Heinrich and his wife Anna Martha appear as sponsors:

1.

CHILD	PARENTS	SPONSORS
1767		
Anna Catharina geb. den 6 December 1766 get. den 12. April	Johannes Rauenzaner ux. Elisabetha	Christian Heinrich et ux. Anna Martha

2.

1771		
Christian geb: den 10 Mertz get: den 7 April	Johannes Rauenzaner ux. Elizabetha	Christian Heinrich et ux. Martha

(From Church Records (Mertz), Dryville, Pa.)

3.

Children of Peter Heinrich and his Wife Catharina

1. *Catharina,* born February 28, 1774, baptized April 10, 1774, sponsors: Peter Weigand and his wife Barbara.
2. *Anna Maria Elisabetha,* born May 26, 1776, baptized June 5, 1776, sponsors: Anna Maria Schell.

4.

Children of Christian Heinrich and His Wife Susanna

1. *Cathar:,* born three weeks before July 4, 1790, baptized July 4, 1790 ("geb: heut 3 Woch"), sponsor: Georg Reidberger.
2. *Elisabeth,* born December 27, 1791, baptized March 11, 1792, sponsors: Conrad Heinerich and Elisab: Neidlinger.
3. *Susanna,* born April 3, 1794, baptized June 1, 1794, sponsors: Georg Neidlinger and his wife Cathar:
4. *Daniel,* born March 27, 1796, baptized May 1, 1796, sponsors: Georg Neidling and his wife Cathar:

(From Church Records (Mertz), Dryville, Pa.)

5. *Lydia,* born . . ., baptized May 6, 1798, sponsors: Die Eltern selbst.
(From Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)
6. *Christian,* born April 21, 1802, baptized "ut supra", which probably means that he was baptized on the same date as the child mentioned in the record immediately preceding, which is dated May 27, 1802. Sponsors: Fridr: Neidling and his wife Charlotte.
(From Church Records (Mertz), Dryville, Pa.)

5.

Children of Charles Geiger and his Wife Anna Maria, a born Dilbon

1. *Maria Elisabeth,* born March 13, 1776, baptised March 24, 1776, sponsors: Paul Hertzog and Ann Marcretha Tulipan.
2. *Catharina,* born October 18, 1777, baptized October 24, 1777, sponsors: Marcretha Tulipan and Henrich Tulipan.
3. *Anna Maria,* born October 22, 1780, baptized November 5, 1780, sponsors: Johannes Dillbon and Charlotta Stump.
4. *Margar:,* born October 1, 1784, baptized December 25, 1784, sponsors: Peter Weida and Charlotta.
5. *Hennerich,* born October 7, 1789, baptized November 23, 1789, sponsors: Hennerich Acker and his wife Marg:
6. *Georg,* born February 13, 1791, baptized March 13, 1791, sponsors: Georg Neidlinger and his wife Catharina.
(From Church Records (Mertz), Dryville, Pa.)

6.

Will of Christian Henrich, Sen., Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa.

The will was made February 20, 1791, and was probated April 26, 1791. The testator signed it in German script: Christian Henrich. It is witnessed by Henrich Hoffman and Paul Groscup. The testator's "beloved Son Conrad Henry" is named as the sole executor. The testator neither names nor refers to his wife; presumably his wife was no longer living at the time when the will was made. See illustration, No. 7.

"Christian Henry Sen: of Rockland Township in the County of Berks and State of Pennsylvania yeoman . . . And it is my

Will and I do hereby Give Devise and Bequeath all and Singular my Messuages or Tenements Plantation and Land Situated lying and being in said Rockland Township in the County of Berks aforesaid bounded by the Lands of Jacob Haak, Jacob Sharadin, George Sell, Godlieb Weida and Jacob Mertz Containing Two hundred and twenty three Acres of Patented Land be the same more or less with the appurtenances unto my Son Conrad Henry and to his Heirs and assigns To have and to hold the same unto my said Son Conrad Henry and to his Heirs and assigns To the only Proper use Benefit and Behoof of him my said Son Conrad Henry his Heirs & Assigns for Ever; Item it is my Will and I do also Give and bequeath unto my said Son Conrad Henry all and Singular my moveabel or Personal Estate be the same of what kind name or Denomination Whatsoever to have and to hold the same unto him my said Son Conrad Henry as and for his own Property, Provided and on Consideration that my said Son Conrad Henry his Heirs and assigns shall stand to Pay or Cause to be Paid unto my hereinafter named Children the next following Sums of Money by me to them given & Bequeathed to wit unto my Son Jacob Henry I give and Bequeath the Sum of Twenty five Pounds in Gold and Silver coin Lawfull money of Pennsylvania to be Paid unto him by my said Son Conrad Henry his Heirs & Assigns One year after my Decease as his share out of my Estate, Item unto my Son Peter Henry I give and bequeath the Sum of fifteen Pounds in money as aforesaid to be paid unto him two years after my decease as his full share out of my Estate, Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Christian Henry the sum of Five Pounds five Shillings and Six pence Money as aforesaid three years after my Decease as his share out of my Estate, Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Daniel Henry the sum of fifteen Pounds in Money aforesaid four years after my Decease as his share out of my Estate Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Catharina intermarried unto George Neidlinger the Sum of Fifty Pounds in money aforesaid to be paid unto her in three yearly Equal Payments the first whereof five years after my Decease. . . . And Lastly I do hereby Nominate . . . my beloved Son Conrad Henry to be the sole Executor of this my last Will. . . . In Witness whereof . . ."

(Will Book 3, pages 167–168, Reading, Pa. Copied November 15, 1929. Compared with original, January 9, 1930. There are no other children named or referred to in the original).

7.

Note on Christian Henrich and his Children

Christian Henrich in his will mentions the following children in the order following:

1. Conrad, who is also named as executor;
2. Jacob;
3. Peter;
4. Christian;
5. Daniel; and
6. Catharina, wife of George Neidlinger.

From the Mertz church records I have compiled the following list of children of Christian Henrich and his wife, whose name seems to have been Anna Martha:

1. Jacob, born June 12, 1744, baptized June 14, 1760;
2. Johann Peter, born June 11, 1752, baptized June 14, 1752;
3. Christian, born January 21, 1757, baptized February 13, 1757;
4. Daniel, born November 30, 1758, baptized April 7;
5. Elisabetha, born December 11, 1760, baptized January 25, 1761;
6. Johannes, born May 11, 1766, baptized June 29, 1766;
7. Conrad, born October 16, 1767, baptized January 3, 1768;
8. Catharine, born . . ., her birth and baptism is not recorded in these church records.

Of the foregoing 5 and 6 are not mentioned in the will. Were these no longer living in 1791, the date of the will? Or is there some other reason for their omission? Note that Elisabeth Heinerichin, single, was sponsor February 5, 1797, page 26. Or is this another Elisabeth Heinrich? Note also that the order in both lists is the same, though in the list compiled from the will Conrad is named first, but this may be due to the fact that he is named executor. Note also that the name of the mother is not Anna Martha in the case of 2 but Anna Margretha, a born Scheurin, and that in the case of 3 it is Anna

Magdal., and that in the case of both 6 and 7 it is simply Martha. This difference in the name of the mother in these baptismal records is perhaps best accounted for as an error, for it does not seem that we have here records of different families, i.e., of more than one Christian Heinrich, or that Christian Heinrich had different wives. The name of his wife seems to have been Anna Martha, see also the baptismal records presented after the list of the children of Christian Henrich, 1767 and 1771. If the foregoing interpretation is correct, then we must say that his daughter Elisabetha is not mentioned in his will, though she seems to have been living, single, in 1797. Likewise his son Johannes is not mentioned in the will.

8.

Will of Christian Henrich, Albany Township, Berks County, Pa.

The will was made March 9, 1798, and was probated December 17, 1798. The testator signed his name in German script: Christian Henrich. The will is witnessed by Peter Berck and Jacob Merckel. The executors named are the testator's son Christian Henrich and son in-law Andreas Gred. The wife is neither named nor referred to; presumably she was no longer living.

"Christian Henrich von und in dem Taunschip Albany in Berks County und in dem Staat Pennsylvanien . . . so thue dieses als den 9ten Tag Merz im Jahr unsers Herrn 1798 und verordne diessen meinen letzten Willen und Testament . . . Erstlich ist dieses meinen Willen Hierin Befehle ich meinen 7 Kinder, nemlich 3 Söhne Christian und Philip u. Johannes und 4 Töchter, nemlich Eva Maria, und Margretha, und Elisabeth und Magdalena dass sich keines unterstehen soll dem Andern Etwas Vorzuhalten, es habe mehr oder weniger Bekommen . . . soll in 6 gleiche theil getheilt werden, weil mein Sohn Johannes sein theil schon Empfangen hat im Kauf am Prufmend. Zum 2ten und also welches ein klagen dagegen macht soll nichts dafor erhalten, nemlich als alle unkosten zubezahlen es mag sein er oder sie, auch thue ich einsetzen und Bestimme meinen Sohn Christian Henrich, und meinen Toch-

terman, Andreas Gred, als Vormünder und Executor vor dass Vorgemelte zuvollziehen."

(Will Book A, page 376. Cf. also Will Book 3, page 271. Reading, Pa. Copied November 15, 1929. Cf. also illustration, No. 7).

APPENDIX B

1.

DeLong and Lobach Burials, Lobachsville, Pa.

1.

Hier/ruhen die Gebeine vo./ Johannes D. Long./ Er war geboren/ den 2 November 1791./ Verheirathet sich mit/ Elisabeth Eberhart,/ den 20 August 1815./ Lebten in der Ehe, 48 Jahr./ Zeugten 9 Söhne und 5/ Töchter. gestorben/ den 6 May A.D. 1863./ war alt,/ 71 Jahr, 6 Monat/ und 4 Tag/ G.B./

2.

Hier ruhet/ Elisabeth/ Delong./ Geborne Eberhart/ und Ehegattin von/ Johannes Delong./ war geboren/ den 27st. April 1792./ Starb/ den 12 Novemb 1869/ Alt 77 Jahre, 6 Mo./ und 15 Tag./ G.B./

3.

Hier/ ruhen die Gebeine von/ Magdalena Lobach/ Tochter von Samuel/ Lobach und seiner Ehe-/frau Magdalena, Sie wurde/ gebohren den 28sten April/ 1789/ und starb den 6ten tag/ Meertz 1824. brachte ihr/ Alter auf 34 Jahre 10/ Monathe und 8 Tage./

4.

Zum/ Andenken an/ Samuel Lobach./ Er war geboren den 21ten Januar 1750, verehlichte sich auf den 10ten May 1785,/ mit Magdalena Schulz,/ mit welcher Er 42 J: 7m: 11 t: gelebt u: 3 Kinder 2 Söhne/ u: 1 Tochter gezeugt hat,/ ist gestorben/ den 21ten December 1827./ in einem alter von/ 77 Jahre u: 11 Monate./

5.

Zum/ Andenken an/ Magdalena Lobach/ eine geborne Schultz./ Sie war geboren den 5 ten/ November 1759./ Verehelich/te sich

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den 10ten May 1785/ mit Samuel Lobach, lebte/ mit ihm in der Ehe 42 Jahr/ 7 Monat und 11 Tag; sie zeug =/ ten 3 Kinder 2 Söhne und 1/ Tochter. und starb den 13 ten/ November 1830, in einem/ Alter von 71 Jahr und 8/ Tag./

6.

Zum Andenken an/ Ester Lobach/ Geborne Millern/ geboren den 15 ten Februar/ A.D. 1787,/ ver Ehlichte Sich mit/ Samuel Lobach im Jahr 1808/ und lebten im standt der Ehe/ 38 Jahre, zeugten 8 Kinder./ 3 Söhne und 5 Töchter, wo von/ 2 Söhne und 2 Töchter gestorben/ sind./ Starb den 27 ten Martz 1868,/ in einem Alter von/ 81 Jahren, 1 Monat & 12 Tagen./

7.

Zum Andenken/ an Samuel Lobach./ Geboren den 3 ten Juli 1786. Sein/ Vater War Samuel Lobach, die/ Muter Magdalena, Eine Geborne/ Schulzen,/ verehlichte sich mit/ Ester Miller im Jahr 1808/ und lebte im Stande der Ehe 38 Jahre/ zeugte 8 Kindern/ 3 Söhne und 5 Töchtern/ Starb den 17 ten December 1846/ in einem Alter von 60 Jahren/ 5 Monaten und 14 Tage./
(Copied July 13, 1926).

On November 2, 1929, I again visited the cemetery at Lobachsville, Pa., and verified the correctness of the transcription of the foregoing inscriptions and then copied the inscriptions on the rest of the gravestones on the Lobach family burial plot. The plot is enclosed by a pipe-rail. On the side towards the village of Lobachsville, on the middle of the rail is a plate bearing the name of Mary Ann Fox. At the side towards the road, in about the middle of the plot, is a small monument, which according to the weatherworn condition might have been erected some twenty or more years ago. It bears the following inscription: In Memory of/ the unmarked/ Lobach's/ Family./ To the right of this, in the corner, is a small stone bearing this inscription: At Rest/ a daughter of/ A.D. & Sarah/ Wily./ Born Feb. 16, 1838./ The other inscriptions are as follows:

8.

Hier/ ruhet ein Söhn =/lein von Samuel & Esther Lobach/ wurde gebohren/ den 23sten April/ 1810 wurde alt/ 3 wochen & 2 tag./

9.

Hier ruhet/ Esther Lobach/ Tochter/ von Samuel und Esther/ Lobach/ geboren den 30sten May/ 1827./ Starb den 6 ten Mertz/ 1833./ Alt 5 Jahre 9 Monat/ und 6 Tage./

10.

Hier ruhet/ ein Söhnlein von/ Samuel u. Esther/ Lobach. starb d. 30/ July 1825. alt 2 1/2 Stund./

11.

Hier ruhet/ eine Tochter von/ Samuel und/ Esther Lobach,/ starb den 22sten/ Juny 1830, war/ alt 2 Tag./ [end of the row]

12.

S. R./ [initials on a small stone between the rows]

13.

In Memory of/ Elizabeth Lobach/ Born Nov. 22. 1808/ Died July 23. 1881/ Aged/ 72 yrs. 8 mo. & 1/ Days./

14.

In Memory of/ David Lobach/ Born April 23. 1810/ Died Aug. 25. 1885/ Aged/ 75 yrs. 4 mo. & 2/ Days./

15.

In Memory of/ Sarah/ wife of/ Abraham Wily/ nee Lobach/ Born Dec. 11. 1818/ Died May 6. 1893/ aged/ 74 yrs. 4 mo. 25/ Days./

16.

In Memory of/ Anna Lobach./ Born July 29. 1823/ Died May 29. 1893/ Aged 69 yrs. 10 mos./

17.

In Memory of/ Mary Ann Fox./ Born Nov. 2. 1821/ Died Sep. 23, 1889/ Aged/ 67 yrs. 10 mo. & 21/ days./

2.

Lobach Burials, Egypt, Pa.

1.

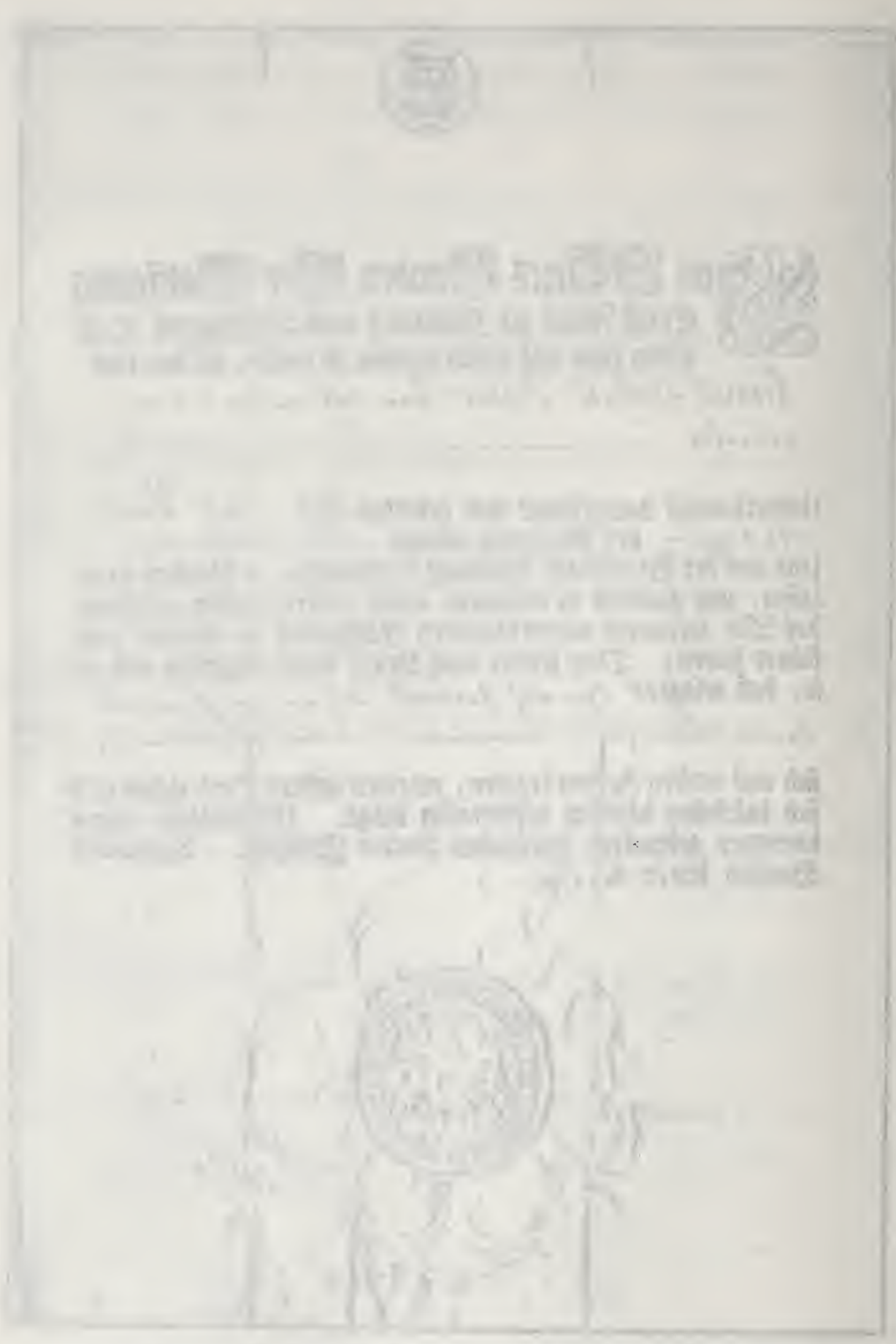
In Memory of/ Samuel Lobach./ Born May 15, 1828./ Died March 2. 1878./ Aged 49 yrs. 9 mo. &/ 17 Days./

Von Gottes Gnaden Wir Wolffgang Ernst Fürst zu Isenburg und Büdingen ꝛc. ꝛc. Thun kund und fügen hiermit zu wissen, als bey Uns Henrich Gerhard Diener von Birstein gebürtig

Unterthänigst nachgesuchet und gebetten Ihn und Die Seinige des Anspruchs womit Dieselbe Uns und der Grafschafft Isenburg Verwanth, in Gnaden zu erlassen, und gnädigst zu erlauben, ausser unsern Landen zu ziehen, daß Wir sothanem unterthänigsten Nachsuchen in Gnaden willfahret haben; Thun solches auch Krafft dieses dergestalt und also, daß ersagter Henrich Gerhard Diener samt Seinige

sich aus unsern Landen begeben, an einen andern Orth ziehen und sich daselbsten häuslich niederlassen möge. Urkundlich unsers hierunter gedruckten Fürstlichen Secret Insiegels. Signatum Birstein den 13. May 1751.

Emigration Pass of Henrich Gerhardt Diener, Birstein, Germany.



2.

My Dear Husband/ Frank P. Lobach,/ Born April 8. 1856./ Died May 29. 1882./ Aged 26 yrs. 1 mo./ & 21 Days./

3.

Elnóra Lobach/ Born/ April 29, 1830, Died/ May 26, 1914/ Mother/

4.

Martin Lobach/ Born/ April 4, 1859/ Died/ June 1, 1902/

5.

Meet me in Heaven/ Carrie E./ Daughter of/ Frank P. & Amanda S./ Lobach./ Born Nov. 11, 1882/ Died Dec. 26, 1882./ Aged 1 mo. & 15/ Days./

6.

In Memory of/ Erwin/ son of Samuel & Eleonora/ Lobach/ Born Jan. 30, 1875./ Died Jan. 1. 1881./ Aged 5 yrs. 11 mo./ & 1 Day./

7.

Paul A. Lobach/ age 1 mo. 9 Ds./

8.

Esther M. Lobach/ age 1 yr. 5 mo. 24 D./

9.

Ada M. Lobach/ Sept. 27, 1868/ Nov. 9, 1929/

10.

Reverend/ Albert Lobach/ Mar. 12, 1861/ May 8, 1911/

(Cemetery (new), Egypt, Pa. Copied June 13, 1930).

Appendix C

1.

Will of William Patt (Pott), Step-father of Peter Lobach

"I, William Pott of the Township of Rockland in the County of Berks and Province of Pennsylvania . . .

Item. As for my eldest Son William Pott, now deceased, I have given him his Portion on several Valuable Considerations

already but I give and bequeath unto his Children my Grand-Children the Sum of one hundred and twenty five Pounds current Money of Pennsylvania to be equally divided amongst the Children of my said Son William, when they shall arrive to their Age of twenty one year to be paid by my Executors to them. The Land whereon my Son William has lived being already confirmed to him by a Deed to him from me.

Item. As I have likewise in my Life time given sundry valuable Sums of Money unto my Daughter Catharina now the wife of Caspar Shell, to be in full of her Share and Portion. But I give and bequeath yet unto my Daughter Catharina the Sum of twenty five Pounds current money of Pennsylvania to be paid by my Executors to her.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grand-Daughter Anna Mary the Daughter of my said Daughter Catharina the Sum of twenty five Pounds current money of Pennsylvania to be paid to her by my Executors for the good and faithful Services which she has done me.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son John Pott all that Piece of Land containing about one Acre and forty eight Perches whereon my Sawmill was fixed by Posts and corners, being eight Perches wide on the Line of my Son William and of my Son Johns other Land which I have confirmed to him by a Deed of Gift Extending South fifty Degree Eastward between the Land of Peter Lobach twenty five Perches being in the Township of Rockland, the Land together with all the Buildings becomes to my Son John Pott his Heirs and Assigns forever. Moreover I give and bequeath unto my Son John Pott all the Remainder and overblush that I shall have over and above what I have given and disposed to my Children as above mentioned.

And I do hereby nomenate and appoint my Son John Pott and my trusty Friend Daniel Levan of Oley Township to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. . . . In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this eighteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. . . ."

The testator signed his name: William Patt. The will is witnessed by Jakob Keim, and Peter Blaeser. It was approved December 17, 1781. The foregoing excerpts and facts were

taken directly from the original, November 8, 1929. The will is recorded in Will Book B, page 22, in the Court House, Reading, Pa. Cf. also Will Book 3, page 20. Note that the testator neither mentions nor refers to his wife; she presumably was no longer living at the time the will was made: October 18, 1781. According to the document following, her name is: Gerdrod Meÿ. The name is written in German script, which indicates that she herself used German script. Indeed, the recorder calls particular attention to the fact that the name is written in the original as given above.

2.

Deed of William Patt given to Peter Lobach

"This Indenture made the second day of April in ye year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred forty five BETWEEN William Potts of Oley in the County of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania and Gertrude his Wife of the One part and Peter Lobach of ye Same place fuller of the other Part WITNESSETH that the said William Potts and Gertrude his Wife for ye Consideration of one hundred pounds currant money of Pennsylvania to them in hand paid by the Peter Lobach. . . . Two Tracts of Land Situate In or near Oley aforesaid The one BEGINNING at a White Oak Tree marked for a corner and from thence running North West eighty five Perches to an elm tree Thence by William Potts Land North East fifty Perches thence South fifty degrees East Tweenty Six Perches thence North East eight Perches then North fifty Degrees West Twenty six perches then North East forty two perches then South East Eighty five pers. then South West One hundred perches to ye place of Beginning Containing fifty one Acres and three quarters of Land [conveyd: unto George Widner by pattent of ye Tweentieth day of January A.D° 1736. Recorded in Book A Voll. 8. page 134 etc. who conveyed ye Same unto William Potts by Indenture of lease and Release of ye fifteenth and Sixteenth day of January A° D° 1739]. The other Tract BEGINNING at a linn tree Standing in a line of Lazarus Widners land and running thence by John Highs land North west forty perches to a corner Thence North East

Tweenty perches to a corner Then South East Tweenty eight perches to a Corner. Then North East Thirty Perches to a Chestnut Tree marked for a corner Then South East twelve perches to an Iron Wood Tree marked for a corner Then South West part of the above described Tract and Lazarus Widners Land fifty perches to ye place of Beginning Containing seven Acres and a quarter of an acre of Land . . [allso the fulling Mill and Utensils thereunto belonging] . . .

(Signed): William Pot
Gerdrod Meÿ

Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of us Geo. Boone, Engel Pötter (Indorsed thus) Be it remembered that ye 30th day of July In the year of our Lord 1745. Before me George Boone Esqr. one of ye Justices of the Peace of ye County of Philada. Came the within named William Potts and Gertrude his Wife and brought the within Writing Indented which they acknowledge to be their Deed . . ." (Deed Book A6, pages 382–384. Reading, Pa. Copied November 8, 1929).

3.

Land Patent to Peter Laubach (Lobach)

"Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware To all unto whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas by Virtue of a Warrant under the Seal of the Land Office bearing Date the first Day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty four there was surveyed unto Peter Laubach al[ia]s Lowbaugh of the County of Philadelphia yeoman A certain Tract of Land Situate in Oley Township formerly in the said County of Philadelphia now in the County of Berks Bounded & described as follows Vizt. Beginning at a Stone in a Line of John Keim's Land & from thence extending by the same North East sixty six perches to a Stone thence by Vacant Land North West Sixty four Perches and a half to a Stone Thence by other Land of the said Peter Laubach South West sixty six Perches to a Post Thence by Vacant Land South East Sixty four Perches and a half to the Place of Beginning—

Containing twenty five acres and sixteen Perches and the usuall allowance of Six acres per. cent. for Roads and Highways and Whereas by virtue of a warrant under the said Seal of the Land Office bearing Date the third Day of January one thousand seven hundred and forty nine there was surveyed unto the said Peter Laubach A certain Tract of Land Situate near Oley formerly in the said County of Philadelphia now in the said County of Berks bounded and described as follows vizt. Beginning at a marked White Oak a Corner of Lazarus Weidner's Land and from thence extending by the same North forty three Degrees West sixty two Perches to a marked Black Oak Thence by the said Lazarus Weidner's Land and other Land of the said Peter Laubach North forty three Degrees East one hundred and twenty Eight Perches to a Post Thence by the said Peter Laubach's other Land South forty three Degrees East sixty two Perches to a Stone Thence by Land belonging to the Heirs of John Koyme South forty three Degrees West one hundred and twenty eight Perches to the Place of Beginning Containing forty six Acres & one hundred and twenty six Perches and the Usual Allowance aforesaid and Whereas by virtue of a warrant under the said Seal of the Land Office bearing Date the twentieth Day of December one thousand and seven hundred and fifty four there was Surveyed unto the said Peter Laubach a certain Tract of Land Situate among Oley Hills in the said County of Berks bounded and described as follows Vizt. Beginning at a Stone in a Line of his other Land and from thence extending by the same North forty three Degrees West forty Perches to a Stone and North forty three Degrees East ninety two Perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence by Vacant Land South forty three Degrees East forty Perches to a Marked White Oak and South forty three Degrees West ninety two perches to the Place of Beginning Containing twenty one acres and one hundred and Eleven Perches and the usuall allowance aforesaid As in and by the Several Surveys of the said three Tracts of Land remaining in our Surveyor Generalls Office and from thence Certified into the Secretaries Office may appear Now at the Instance and request of the said Peter Labach that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of the said Three Tracts of Land Containing together Ninety three Acres

and Ninety three Perches and the aforesaid allowance Know ye that in Consideration of the Sum of fourteen Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money of Pennsylvania to our use paid by the said Peter Laughbach (The Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit & for Ever discharge the said Peter Laubach his Heirs & Assigns by these Presents) and of the yearly Quit Rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved We have given granted released and confirmed and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors Do give grant release and confirm unto the said Peter Laubach his Heirs & Assigns the said Ninety three acres and ninety three Perches of Land as the same are now set forth bounded and limitted as aforesaid With all Mines Minerals Quarries Meadows Marshes Savannahs Swamps Cripples Woods Under Woods Timber and Trees Ways Waters Water Courses Rights Liberties Profits Commodities Advantages Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging and Lying within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid [Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all Deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same And also one fifth Part of the Ore of all other Mines delivered at the Pits Mouth only excepted and hereby reserved] and also free Leave Right and Liberty to and for the said Peter Laubach his Heirs and assigns to hawk hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted Land and Premises or upon any Part thereof To have and to hold the said ninety three Acres and Ninety three Perches of Land and Premises hereby granted (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said Peter Laubach his Heirs and Assigns To the only Use and Behoof of the said Peter Laubach his Heirs and Assigns for Ever To be holden of us our Heirs and Successors Proprietaries of Pennsylvania as of our Manor of Ruscombe in the County of Berks aforesaid in Free and Common Socage by Fealty only in Lieu of all other Services Yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us our Heirs and Successors at the Town of Reading in the said County at or upon the first Day of March in every year from the first Day of March last past one half penny Sterling for every acre of the same or Value thereof in Coin Current according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the City of London to such Person or Persons as

shall from Time to time be appointed to receive the same And in Case of nonpayment thereof within ninety Days next after the same shall become Due that then it shall and may be lawful for us our Heirs and Successors our and their Receiver or Receivers into and upon the hereby granted Land and Premises untill the said Quit Rent and all arrears thereof together with the Charges accruing by means of such nonpayment and Re entry be fully paid and discharged Witness Robert Hunter Morris Esqr. Lieutenant Governor of the said Province who, in Pursuance and by Virtue of certain Powers and authorities to him for this purpose, inter alia, granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be here unto affixed at Philadelphia this thirteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five The Twenty Eighth year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &c and the thirty Seventh year of the said Proprietaries Government

Robt. H: Morris L.S.

Recorded the 13th Day of January 1755."

(Commission Book A, no. 2, Department of Internal Affairs, pages 189–190; published also in *Pennsylvania Archives,* Third Series, vol. ix, pages 82–85).

4.

Will of Samuel Lobach

The will was made April 1, 1826, and was probated January 17, 1828. The testator lived in Pike Township, Berks Co., Pa. The will is written in the German language. The following are quotations from it: "meine geliebte Frau Magdalena Lobach" . . . "mein Sohn William Lobach" . . . "jeder von meinen Söhnen nemlich Samuel Lobach und William Lobach meiner Frau Magdalena Lobach" . . . "Henriette Reider eine Tochter von meiner Verstorbenen Tochter Magdalena Lobach" . . . "Und letztens bestelle ich meine Söhne Samuel Lobach u. William Lobach beÿde von besagten Peik Taunschip . . . als Executors." The will is witnessed by Jonathan Grim, and Daniel Jung. It is recorded in Will Book 6, pages 166–169, Court House, Reading, Pa.

5.

Frederick Lobach

"At an Orphans' Court Held at Reading . . the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and eighty five . . . upon the Petition of Frederick Lobach, a minor above the age of fourteen years, one of the children of Peter Lobach, late of Rockland Township, in Berks County, Fuller, deceased, Setting forth that the Petitioner's said father lately died seized and Possessed of a Considerable Real and Personal Estate, The Petitioner therefore Praying the Court would be Pleased to admit him to make choice of a Guardian to take care of his Person and Estate according to Law & the Petition being read and heard The Petitioner appearing in Court here chuses Christian Weiser who is approved of and appointed by the Court here Guardian to take care of the Person and Estate of the said Petitioner."

(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 3, page 198).

6.

Hannah Lobach

"At an Orphans' Court Held at Reading . . . the twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five . . . upon the Petition of Hannah Lobach, a minor above the age of fourteen years, one of the children of Peter Lobach, late of Rockland Township, in the County of Berks, fuller, deceased, Setting forth that the Petitioner's said father lately died Intestate seized and Possessed of a Considerable Real and Personal Estate, The Petitioner therefore Praying the Court would be Pleased to admit her to make choice of some Proper Person as Guardian to take care of her Person and Estate according to Law etc. The Petition being read and heard The Petitioner appearing in Court here chuses John Bott who is approved of and appointed by the Court here Guardian to take care of the Person and Estate of the said Petitioner."

(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 3, page 198).

7.

Peter Lobach, Son of Peter Lobach, Jr.

"At an Orphans' Court held at Reading . . . the Eleventh Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven . . . upon the Petition of Peter Lobach, a minor above the age of fourteen years, one of the children of Peter Lobach, Jr., late of Rockland Township, in Berks County, deceased, praying the court to admit him to make choice of a Guardian & The Petitioner being admitted chuses Christian Weiser who is approved of and a pointed Guardian of the person and Estate of the said Petitioner."
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 3, page 310).

8.

Children of John Pott and his Wife Maria

At an Orphans' Court, held at Reading, August 6, 1813, "upon the petition of Maria Pott, Widow & Relict of John Pott, late of the Township of Amity in the said County [Berks], deced. Setting forth That your petitioner's said husband left Issue, three children all of whom, to wit, Daniel, Jacob and Elizabeth, are minors under fourteen years of age and have no Guardian to take care of their persons and Estates, your petitioner therefore prays the Court to appoint some proper person as Guardian of said minors. The Court here do appoint John Miller Guardian of the persons and Estates of said minors."
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 5, page 163).

9.

John Lobach

John Lobach, late of Pike Township, Berks Co., Pa., "some time ago died Intestate Without leaving either Wife or Children." Administrator: John Weiser. Lobach's land (5 acres with a small house on it) was sold to Jacob Bieber.
(Orphans' Court Records, November 7, 1817, vol. 7, page 7).

10.

Elizabeth Lobach, A Born Reeser

At an Orphans' Court, January 10, 1823, "upon the Petition of Elizabeth Lobach (late Elizabeth Reeser), a Daughter of John Reeser, late of Bern Township, in the County of Berks, decd. setting forth, that some time ago she has made choice of George Scharff as Guardian of her person and Estate (she being a minor above the age of fourteen years), that she has since been married to William Lobach—that she wishes to have her said Husband appointed Guardian in the room of the said Sharff—she, therefore, prayed the Court to admit her for the purpose of making choice of the said Husband as Guardian for the purposes aforesd. And on being admitted she made choice of her Husband, which is approved by the Court."
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 8, page 136).

11.

Minor Children of the Late Samuel Lobach

a.

At an Orphans' Court, Reading, Pa., April 12, 1844, "upon the Petition of Gideon Biehl, of Richmond Township, Berks County, praying the Court to appoint some proper person as Guardian for Catherine Lobach (above 14 years of age), Israel, Edwin, Leander [= Leanda], and Mary Lobach (under 14 years of age), all children of Samuel Lobach (the brother in Law of the Petitioner), late of said Township, decd. Thereupon the Court appointed Henry Heffner as Guardian of the said minor children."
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 14, page 215).

b.

On the same day "upon the Petition of Catherine Lobach, a daughter of Samuel Lobach, late of Richmond Township, in said County, decd., above fourteen years of age, praying to be admitted to make choice of a Guardian of her person & estate, Whereupon being admitted, she chose Henry Heffner as her Guardian, which choice the Court approved of and confirm".
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 14, page 216).

c.

In a record, dated September 24, 1845, it is stated that Edwin Lobach, Leanda Lobach, and Mary Lobach are "still under 14 years of age". This record in connection with the foregoing would seem to show that between April 12, 1844 and September 24, 1845, Israel Lobach had reached the age of 14 years. On the latter date, Charles George, of Richmond Township, was appointed guardian of Israel Lobach, in place of Henry Heffner.
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 14, page 356).

d.

In a record, dated April 27, 1846, appear the following as minor children of Samuel Lobach, late of Richmond Township, Berks Co., Pa.: Israel Lobach, Edwin Lobach, and Mary Lobach, whose guardian is here said to be Charles George; further, Catharine Lobach, whose quardian is here said to be Henry Heffner. Leanda Lobach is not named in this list.

In a record, dated August 14, 1846, the following are named as minor children of Samuel Lobach, late of Berks Co.: Israel Lobach, Edwin Lobach, Leanda Lobach, and Mary Lobach, whose guardian is named as Charles George; further, Catharine Lobach, whose guardian is named as Henry Heffner.
(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 15, page 476).

12.

William Lobach

I. William Lobach, late of Pike Township, Berks Co., deceased, owned land which bordered in part on land of Samuel Lobach and David Lobach, married Elizabeth, who survived him. Children:

II. 1. Emeline Lobach, "eldest daughter of the late William Lobach," married J. Sassaman Herman, who was appointed administrator of the late William Lobach.
2. Melinda Lobach, "another daughter of the said deceased," married Samuel Bohler.

(Orphans' Court Records, vol. 17, page 637; see also page 638 and 684. Dates: April 9, 1852; January 7, 1853; April 22, 1853).

13.

Lobach Burials

1.

Zum/ Andenken an/ Peter Lobach/ geboren den 31./ März 1796/ starb den 25/ September 1849/ alt 53 Jahre, 5/ Monate, und/ 25 Tage./

(Trexlertown, Pa., near the road, in the second row to the left of the church).

2.

Emeline Lobach/ wife of,/ Rev. J.S.Herman/ Aug. 10, 1825/ Oct. 22, 1902./

3.

Rev. J.S.Herman/ Died Jan. 7. 1889/ Aged 70 yrs. 8 Mos./ and 19 Days./

4.

Rev. O.C.S. Herman/ Died Sept. 5. 1873/ Aged 24 yrs. 9 mos./ and 15 Days./

5.

In Memory of/ Frederick Jacob Lobach/ son of/ Rev. J. Sassaman & Emelina/ Herman./ Born June 16th 1852./ Died April 17th 1860./Age 7 years 10 months/ & 1 day/ J. Barth. Reading./

6.

Our Mother/ Elizabeth Lobach/ wife of/ William Lobach/ Born March 23./ 1804/ Died Dec. 3./ 1863/ Aged 59. 8. 10./ [the stone is lying down]

7.

Father/ William Lobach/ Born Sept. 7. 1793./ Died Dec. 17. 1851/ Aged 58 years. 3 M. & 10 days./ [the stone is broken in halves, right across the inscription]

(2–7, Fair-View Cemetery, Kutztown, Pa. Copied all of the above on the same day, April 4, 1930).

8.

Denkmal für/ Text Jes. 38 C. 1 V./ Daniel Lobach,/ geboren den 6. Jan. 1812/ starb den 23 Sept. 1879/ alt 67 Jahre 8 Mo. u. 17/ Tage./

9.

Lobach/ William Lobach/ 1846– [blank]/ Catherine/ His Wife/ 1849–1917/

10.

Ida S. Dau. of/ Wm & Catherine/ Lobach/ April 1, 1883/ May 26, 1901/

11.

In Memory of/ Nathan L./ son of/ William & Catherine/ Lobach,/ Born Dec. 5, 1872/ Died Aug. 26, 1888./ aged 15 y'rs. 8 mos./ & 21 Days./ Text 1 Peter C. 5, V. 4./

12.

Lobach/ Harrison H. Lobach/ 1842–1905/ Catherine Lobach/ 1844–1915/

According to Rev. Frank W. Smith, the Reformed pastor of the church at Gilbert, Pa., Lobachs of the region of Gilbert, Pa., are buried at the Heidelberg Church, Lehigh Co., Pa. The foregoing inscriptions 8–12, were copied May 13, 1930, at Gilbert, Monroe Co., Pa.

14.

Samuel Lobach

I. Samuel Lobach, late of Pike Township, Berks Co., Pa., owned land which bordered on land of David Lobach, married Esther, who, together with four children, survived him, "which said widow has since been declared noncompos-mentes and David Lobach appointed her Committee". Children:

II. 1. David Lobach, "eldest son of said deceased", made an assignment since the decease of his father to Daniel Y. Peter for the benefit of creditors, recorded in the Recorder's office, December 25, 1860.
2. Elizabeth Lobach, "eldest daughter of said deceased".
3. Sarah Lobach, "second daughter of said deceased", widow of Abraham Wiley, deceased.
4. Anna Lobach, "youngest daughter of said deceased".

(Orphans' Court Records, April 9, 1861, vol. 20, page 272).

15.

Will of Elizabeth Lobach

"I Elizabeth Lobach, Single Woman of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, being weak and Sickly but Sound in mind memory and understanding, Do make and publish this my last will and testament, . . . First, I desire that my body be decently burried in the Mennonite Cemetery at Boyertown according to the rites and ceremonies of the Reformed Church, . . . Item, I give and bequesth to my Sister Mary's Son Nathan L. Landis . . ., Item, I give and bequeath to Meleria S. Landis, daughter of Abraham L. Landis . . . I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary's children viz: to Abraham L. Landes, Levi L. Landes, Henry L. Landes, Kate Kemmerer, Hannah Scheffy, Sarah Stauffer, and Nathan L. Landis, Share and Share alike, . . ." Date of the will: April 14, 1881; approved May 4, 1881. Witnesses: Samuel G. Houck, and L.P.G. Fegley.
(Will Book, vol. 14, page 328).

16.

Children of Samuel Lobach and his Wife Eleonora, A Born Schadt

a.

"Den Ehegattin Samuel Lobach und seiner Frau Eleonora eine geborne Schadt ist ein Sohn geboren worden, den 12ten Tag März im Jahr unsers Herrn 1861. Dieser Sohn ist geboren in Nordwhitehall Taunschip, Lecha Caunty, im Staat Pennsylvania in Nord-Amerika, ist getauft worden und erhielt den Namen Albert den 9ten Tag Juny im Jahr unsers Herrn 1861 von Herrn J.S.Dubs, Taufzeugen waren: die Eltern selbst."

b.

"Den beiden Ehegatten als: Samuel Lobach und seiner ehelichen Hausfrau Eleonora eine geborne Schadt wurde am 30ten Januar im Jahre unseres Herrn 1875 ein Sohn geboren in Nord-Weithall Taunschip, Lecha Ctÿ, Penna, und am 5ten Oktober 1875 durch den Ehrw. Samuel H. Leinbach getauft und Erwin

genannt. Die Taufpathen waren Die Eltern selbst. Bezeugt von Ehr. S. H. Leinbach, Pastor der Deutsch-Reformirten Kirch-Gemeinde zu Egÿpt, Lecha Ctÿ, Penna."

17.

Johann Wilhelm Pott and Petter Lobach, Mennonites

"Reading in Berks County January the first Day Anno Domini 1754. Then personally appear Jno. William Pott [he signed his name, when witnessing the will in question, in German script: Johan Wilhelm Pott] and Petter Lobach [when witnessing the will in question he signed his name in good German script: Petter Lobach], both of the County of Berks, two of the Witnesses to the above Written Will [i.e. the will of Johann Keim, dated 1747, without naming the month and the day of the month; probated January 1, 1754], and upon their Solemn Affirmation according to Law (being People called Mennonists. who Conscientiously Scruple the taking an oath) did Severally declare and affirm that they Saw and heard the above named John Keim, the Testator, Sign, Seal, publish and declare the said Will to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind Memory and understanding and that William Patt [signed his name to the will in English script: William Patt] the other Witness was also present at the same Time and did Subscribe his name thereto as Witness together with these affirmants, John William Patt and Petter Lobach in the presence and at the Request of the said Testator.

Coram me

James Read, D. Regr.

(Will Book, 1, page 9, and the original will).

Peter Loback, Philadelphia Co., Pa., was naturalized at a Supreme Court held September 24–25, 1744, together with twelve others who are said to have been Quakers "or such who conscientiously scruple to take an oath." In the record above, dated 1754, it is definitely stated that Peter Lobach was a Mennonite. (Cf. *Pa. Archives,* Second Series, Vol. II., page 368).

Johannes Kyme, Philadelphia Co., Pa., was naturalized at a Supreme Court held April 11–13, 1743. At the same time the following were also naturalized: John Lesher; Daniel Lewan; John Perdo; Philip Beyer; Abraham Bartolet; John Bartlet, Jr.; Jacob Vetter; Adam Widenar; Jacob Levan. All these were from Philadelphia Co., though many others of the same county and of other counties were naturalized at the same court. All the foregoing together with many others in this rather long list are said to have been Quakers "or such who conscientiously scruple to take an oath." Is there here a reference to Mennonites? And were all these Mennonites? Or were there also members of other churches, besides the Quaker and Mennonite, in those days, who for conscience sake would not take an oath? In the same list appears also William Pott, Lancaster Co. (Cf. *Ibid.* page 357ff.).

Note that Jacob Joder, George Keim, and Daniel Joder, witnesses of the will of Peter Lobach, also Samuel Lobach and Joseph Siegfried, executors of the will, did not swear but affirmed. Further, that also Samuel Lee and Abraham Levan, witnesses of the will of Susanna Ballie, did not swear but affirmed. While it is not definitely stated in these cases that these individuals are Quakers or Mennonites, and on this account affirmed, yet it would seem to be reasonable to assume that they did not swear but affirmed because they were either Quakers or Mennonites, or were under Quaker or Mennonite influence.

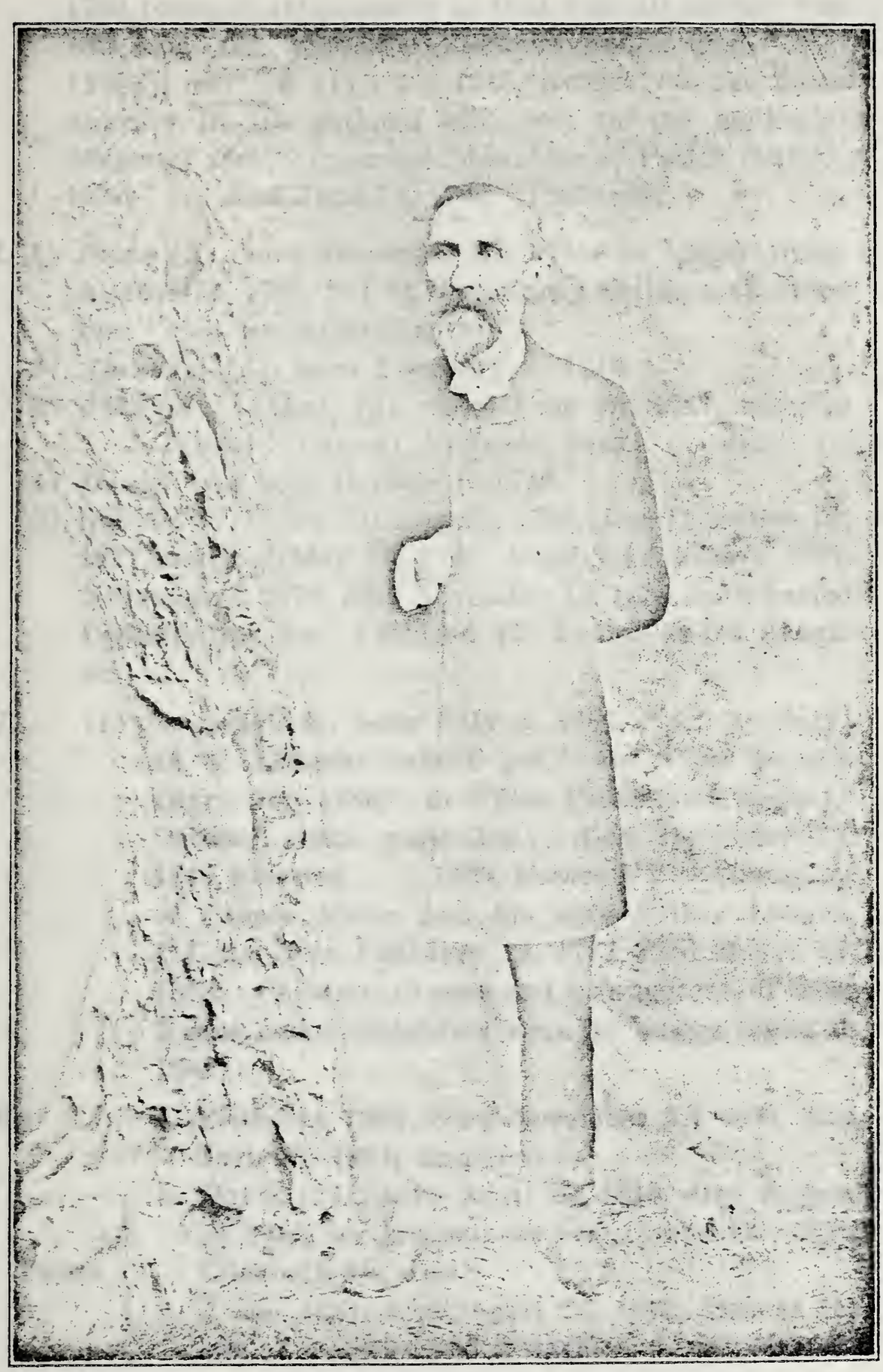
18.

DESCENDANTS OF PETER LOBACH, SR.

I. *Peter Lobach* (1), born . . ., 1687, died . . ., 1720, married . . . *Gerdrod Meij,* born . . ., died . . ., came to this country in 1734, apparently as the wife of Wilhelmus Pott. Child:

II. 1. *Peter Lobach* (2), [variants: Labach, Laubach, Lowbaugh], born in Europe [Switzerland?],* January . . .,

* Cf. Charlotte Auguste Lobach, b. Stettin, Germany, September 17, 1736, died there, August 29, 1789. (*Edda,* 1925, page 58, no. 51).



REV. ALFRED J. HERMAN,
Pastor of DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers, Pa., from 1861–1892.

1720 (came to this country in 1734 with his mother who was now the wife of Wilhelmus Pott), died . . ., [1785], married (1) . . ., 1743, *Helena* (so the name appears in the father's will, but in the mother's: Eleanor) *Balliö* (youngest daughter of Petter Balliö), born . . ., died June 14, 1764. Children:

III. 1) *Peter* (3), born December 27, 1744, no longer living August 12, 1783, but at that time 4 children survived him. See his father's will.

2) *Abraham* (4), born February 6, 1746.

3) *Johannes* (*John*) (5), born June 26, 1747, married . . ., *Juliana** (*Anna*) *Hoffman*, born . . ., died . . .

4) *Daniel* (6), born October 6, 1748.

5) *Samuel* (7), born January 21, 1750, died December 21, 1827, married May 10, 1785, *Magdalena Schulz*, born November 5, 1759, died November 13, 1830, both buried Lobachsville, Pa. Children (3: 2 sons and a daughter):

IV. (1) *Samuel* (18), born July 3, 1786 ("d 3 t [July] at S. Lobachs infant got," see "The Schultz Diary for 1786," in "The Perkiomen Region," October, 1929, page 109.), died December 17, 1846, married . . ., 1808, *Esther Miller* (daughter of Casper Miller and his wife Esther Lobach, III. 9), born February 15, 1787, died March 27, 1868. Children (3 sons and 5 daughters, of these 2 sons and 2 daughters were no longer living in 1868):

V. a. *Elizabeth* (26), born November 22, 1808, died July 23, 1881, unmarried.

Twins { b. *David* (27), born April 23, 1810, died August 25, 1885, see gravestones nos. 13 and 14. Was Elizabeth his wife?

Twins { c. *A son* (28), born April 23, 1810, died at the age of 3 weeks and 2 days.

* So the name appears in a deed granted by John Lobach of Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., and his wife Juliana to Samuel Lobach of the same place, January 12, 1793. See Deed Book A, 13, pages 375-376.

V. d. *Sarah* (29), born December 11, 1818, died May 6, 1893, married . . ., *Abraham D. Wily* (*Wiley*), born . . ., died. . . . Child:

VI. a) *A daughter* (35), born February 16, 1838, evidently died in infancy, the size of the gravestone and the nature of the inscription suggest this. See Appendix B, 1, 7.

V. e. *Anna* (30), born July 29, 1823, died May 29, 1893, unmarried.

f. *A son* (31), born July 30, 1825, died 2½ hours after birth.

g. *Esther* (32), born May 30, 1827, died March 6, 1833.

h. *A daughter* (33), born June 20, 1830, died June 22, 1830.

IV. (2) *Magdalena* (19), born April 28, 1789, died March 6, 1824, married . . ., —— *Reider,* born . . ., died. . . . Child:

V. a. *Henriette Reider,* born. . . .

IV. (3) *William* (20), according to the will of the father; "a son", according to Perk. Reg. Vol. III., page 163.

III. 6) *Andreas* (8), born November 30, 1751.

7) *Maria* (9), born October 15, 1753, died . . ., 1805, married . . ., *Joseph Siegfried,* born . . ., died. . . .

8) *Susanna* (10), born September 5, 1755, died . . ., 1817, married . . ., —— *Reeder,* born . . ., died. . . .

9) *Esther* (11), born September 30, 1757, died . . ., 1845.

10) *Rebecca* (12), born April 11, 1759, died . . ., 1819, married . . ., *Nicholas Heist,* born . . ., died . . .

11) *Magdalena* (13), born November 20, 1760, died . . ., 1813, married . . ., *Christian Weiser,* born . . ., died . . .

12) *David* (14), born August 7, 1762, died young.

13) *A son* (15), born June 14, 1764.

II. married (2) *Susanna Betz,* widow, born . . ., died . . . Children:

III. 14) *Friedrich* (16), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., *Anna Catharina Diener,* born March 13, 1774, died February 15, 1821, buried at Bowers, Pa. Children:

1793	gb: den 26 October	Jacob Herb
Friedrich Lobach	1793	f. Catarina
Maria Barbara	gt: den 12 febr.	Herbin
Herbin	Johann Jacob	
	Kinds Namen	

(*Records of Hill Church, Pa.* The record would seem to show that Friedrich Lobach was still single in 1793, though not necessarily so. However it shows clearly that he was in the locality of Hill Church on the date named. See also the record of the birth of a daughter: Oct. 20, 1794, Anna Catharina).

IV. (1) *Anna Catharina Lobach* (21), born October 20, 1794, baptized May 24, 1795 (sponsors: Peter Diener and his wife Anna Margaretha; the name of the mother of the child is not mentioned, the record mentions only the name of the father: Friedrich Lobach. Since however the name of the child is Anna Catherina and since from other records it is known that this was the name of the wife of Friedrich Lobach, and further since the sponsors are the parents of Anna Catharina, wife of Friedrich Lobach, it is clear who the mother was. Oley Church Records), died . . .

(2) *Rebecca Lobach* (22), born September 10, 1798, died October 2, 1864, married July 28, 1822, *Michael DeLang,* born January 4, 1792, died August 2, 1881. Children [(4), see "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker etc.," 1926, pages 17f.]:

V. a. *Aaron Delang* (34), born February 10, 1823, died March 13, 1872, married November 26, 1848, *Sara Bieber,* born October 1, 1821, died November 2, 1873. Children (5), of these the third is:

VI. a) *Adam B. DeLong* (36), born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24, 1852, died Lewistown, Pa., December 10, 1928,

married *Carolina Hoch,* born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August 12, 1851, died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880. Children (5), of these the firstborn is:

VII. (a) IRWIN HOCH DELONG (37), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873.

IV. (3) *Danel* (*Daniel*) *Lobach* (23), born January 6, 1812, baptized May 10, 1812, sponsors: Jacob Diener and wife. See Church Records, Bowers, Pa. Died September 23, 1879. See "Lobach Burials," no. 8, above.

(4) *David Lobach* (25), born July 29, 1815, baptized . . ., sponsors: Moses Delang and Elisabeth.

III. 15) *Hannah* (17), born . . ., died. . .

APPENDIX D.

1.

DELONG BURIALS, HUFF CHURCH, BERKS CO., PA.

1.

Zum Andenken an/ George S. Rohrbach./ Sohn von/ Simon & Susanna/ Rohrbach./ Geboren den 22. Nov. 1804./ starb den 5. April 1879;/ alt: 74 Jahre, 4 Mon./ und 14 Tage./

2.

Zum Andenken an/ Maria Rohrbach,/ geborne DeLong,/ Ehefrau von/ George S. Rohrbach./ Geboren den 3. Jan. 1804;/ gestorben d. 3. Oct. 1876;/ alt: 72 Jahre und/ 9 Monate./

3.

Mary Anna Rohrbach, b. Nov. 5, 1842, d. July 10, 1861.

4.

Sara Anna Rohrbach, b. March 12, 1848, d. Dec. 21, 1860.
[3 & 4 children of the foregoing]
(Cemetery, Huff Church, May 24, 1925).

5.

Rahel	Peter Delong	Daniel Fry
3 Oct. 1816	Cath	Mary
2 Novb 1816		

(Church Record, Huff Church, copied May 24, 1925).

6.

Zum Andenken an/ David DeLong./ Sohn von/ Benjamin & Catharina/ DeLong./ Geboren d. 30 Oct. 1836/ starb d. 22 Dec. 1887:/ alt 51 Jahre. 1 Mo./ & 22 Tage./

7.

Zum Andenken an/ Benjamin DeLong./ Sohn von/ David & Barbara/ DeLong./ Geboren den 4. Nov./ 1802, starb d. 31 July/ 1880; alt: 77 Jahre, 8/ Mon. und 27 Tage./

8.

Zum Andenken an/ Catharina DeLong,/ geborne Rohrbach/, Ehefrau von Benjamin DeLong./ Geboren den 4. Jan. 1809./ starb den 31. Mai 1877:/ alt: 68 Jahre, 4 Mon./ und 27 Tage./

9.

Father/ Samuel DeLong/ Geboren 15 Oct. 1831/ Starb 15 Mar. 1895./ Alter/ 63 Jahre 5 Mon./ Text Jesaia 48:17./

10.

Mother/ Susanna DeLong/ Geboren 21 Juli 1836/ Starb 28 Juli 1919./ Alter/ 83 Jahre 7 Tage./ Text Johannes 14:24./
[Susanna DeLong, a born Romig]

11.

At Rest/ Daniel DeLong,/ Geboren Aug. 6, 1835./ Starb July 22, 1899/ Alt/ 63 Jahre 11 Mon./ 16 Tage./ Text Daniel 12. 13./

12.

At Rest/ Maria Wiegner/ Ehefrau von/ Daniel DeLong,/ Geboren Dec. 17, 1831,/ Starb Dec. 17, 1906,/ Alt/ 75 Jahre./ Text 2 Cor. 5, 1./

13.

At Rest/ Cornelius Trollinger/ Geboren May 4, 1829,/ Starb Juni 1, 1900/ alt/ 71 Jahre 27 Tage./ Text Psalm 91. 16./

14.

At Rest/ Catharina Trollinger,/ Geboren 12 Merz 1841/ Starb 8 Jan. 1916/ Alt/ 74 Jahre 9 m. 26 T./
[Catharina Trollinger a sister of Daniel, Samuel]

15.

Husband/ Carolus G. [Ginder] DeLong/ Died May 15, 1912/ aged/ 40 yrs. & 10 Ds./ [Carolus G. DeLong a son of Franklin DeLong]

16.

Father/ Benj J. DeLong/ Born Oct. 14, 1873/ Died Feb. 8. 1916/ Aged 42 yrs. 3 m. 24 d./
[Benjamin J. DeLong a brother of Carolus G. DeLong]

17.

Father/ Franklin/ son of/ Benjamin & Katie DeLong/ Born Feb. 11, 1844/ Died Jan. 16, 1917/ age 72 yrs. 11 m. 5/ Days./

18

Mother/ Susanna/ wife of/ Franklin DeLong./ nee Gunther/ Born Mar. 30, 1850/ Died Jan. 8, 1898/ age 47 yrs. 9 m. 8/ Days/ Text St. John 16, 6./

19.

In/ Memory/ of Judith DeLong,/ daughter of Benjamin & Judith/ DeLong/ Born May 24, 1846,/ Died Novemb/er 1, 1855./ Aged 9 years, 5 mo. and 8 Days./

20.

In/ Memory/ of/ Judith DeLong,/ (born Hoffman,)/ wife of/ Benjamin DeLong./ Born Feb. 23, 1810./ Died July 13, 1858./ Aged 48 years, 4 mo./ and 20 Days./
[Informant: Oscar Benfield, Barto, R.R. no. 2].
(Cemetery, Huff Church, copied May 24, 1925).

21.

The following on the new cemetery, Huff Church, copied May 24, 1925:
Father/ John DeLong/ Born Mar. 26, 1838/ Died Mar. 8. 1899/. aged 60 yrs. 11 mo./ & 12 Days/ Text 2 Cor. 4. 17/

22.

Mother/ Hettie DeLong/ Born Mar. 20, 1842/ Died Feb. 20, 1913/ Aged 70 yrs. & 11 mo./

23.

At Rest/ Valentine/ son of/ John & Hettie/ DeLong/ Born Feb. 2, 1865/ Died Jan. 9, 1907/ aged 41. 11. 7./

24

Flora A./ Dau. of/ Elmer & Bertha/ DeLong./ Born Aug. 8, 1893./ Died Jan. 8. 1916/

25.

Elizabeth/ wife of/ Charles DeLong/ Born/ Sept 11, 1837,/ Died May 2, 1895/

26.

Charles DeLong./ Born July 8, 1831,/ Died July 6, 1906/

27.

Charles DeLong, Jr./ Born/ May 23, 1868/ Died Jan. 22. 1905./

28.

Elmer DeLong,/ Born/ Dec. 14, 1862,/ Died Nov. 17, 1909/
[24 to 28 on one stone].

2.

Mayer Burials, Hill Church

Hier/ruhet der Leib/ des verstorbenen/ Jacob Mayer/ Er wurde gebohren im Jahr/1756 den 17ten December/ und ist gestorben im Jahr 1806/ den 1sten tag October seines/ alters 49 Jahre 9 Monate/ 2 wochen und 1 tag/

Hier/ ruhen die Gebeine/ der/ Anna Sara Meyer/ Sie war geboren im Jahre/ unseres Herrn 1757 den 5/ ten July und verstarben den/ 7ten August 1810 ist alt/ worden 53 Jahre 1 Monat/ und 3 Tage.
(Copied August 5, 1929 and August 18, 1929).

APPENDIX E.

1.

Descendants of George Bieber

I. *George Bieber* (*Bever*) (1), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., *Margaret* ——, born . . ., died . . . George Bieber

and his wife Margaret deeded land to Dietrick Bieber "the only Son and Heir apparent of the said George Bever", September 26, 1761. This land was granted by a Patent to George Bieber March 2, 1744. Children (more than 1?):

II. 1. *Dietrick Bieber* (*Beaver*) (2), born . . ., died . . ., [1787], letters of administration granted to Elisabeth Bieber, widow, dated May 15, 1787, see Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa., Vol. 4, p. 89, married . . ., *Elizabeth* ——, born . . ., died . . . Dietrick Bieber and his wife Elizabeth deeded land to Theobald Bieber August 1, 1786. Children (how many?):

III. 1) *Theobald Bieber* (variants: Dewald, Debalt; Biever) (3), born June 2, 1756, died May 13, 1826, married . . ., *Elisabetha Bayer* (*Beyer*), born February 9, 1755, died December 3, 1819, both buried at Bowers, Pa., for gravestone inscriptions see my "Pennsylvania Gravestone Inscriptions", 1925, numbers 16 & 17. Children:

IV. (1) *Susanna Bieber* (*Biewer*) (6), born November 30, 1780, died February 24, 1850, married May 26, 1801 (see Helffrich Records, page 12), *Peter Butz,* born October 29, 1775, died February 17, 1839, both buried in the cemetery (old) at Union Church, Neff's, Pa. Children (at least 4):

BAPTISMAL RECORD

1779	PARENTES
Paulus natus	Jacob Scherradin et
d . . .	Margretha ejus uxor
bapt. den 10 t	
8bris	

TESTES

Theobald Bieber et
Elisabetha Bejern
beyde ledig

(Church Records, Bowers, Pa. The record shows that the parents of Susanna Bieber were still single, October 10, 1779).

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum/ Andenken/an Peter Butz / Er wurde geboren/ den 29ten October/ 1775/ in Berks Caunty./ Verheirathete sich den 26ten/ May 1801 mit/ Susanna Biewer/ lebten in der Ehe 37 Jahre/ und 8 Monate,/ zeugten 4 Kindern./ Und starb den 17ten Februar/ 1839,/ sein Alter war 63 Jahre/ 3 Monate, u. 18 Tage./ Leichen Text Johannes 12, 26/ Gott rief ihn aus dieser Welt/ Zu wohnen in des Himmels Zelt./ J. Kohler./

Zum/ Andenken an/ Susanna Butz/ beborne Bieber./ Sie wurde geboren/ den 30ten November/ 1780./ Lebte in der Ehe 37/ Jahr mit/ Peter Butz/zeugten 4 Kinder,/ starb den 24te Februar/ 1850,/ war alt 69 Jahre,/ 2 Monate, u. 24/ Tage./ Text Psalm 31, 20./ Ruhe u. Freude/ Trost im Leide/ Gnade bey Gott/ Fand auch sie im Tod./ (Copied June 3, 1924).

V. a. *Enoch Butz* (11), born . . ., died . . ., buried Union Church, Neff's Pa., gravestone (C. E. K.).

b. *Samuel Butz* (12), born . . ., died . . ., buried Union Church, Neff's Pa., gravestone (C. E. K.).

c. *Gideon Butz* (13), born . . ., died . . ., buried Fairview Cemetery, Kutztown, Pa., gravestone (C. E. K.), married . . ., *Elizabeth Bieber,* born . . ., died . . .

d. *A daughter* (14), born . . ., died young (C. E. K.).

IV. (2) *Johannes Bieber* (7), born April 10, 1783, died October 26, 1862, married March 25, 1815, *Catharina Elisabetha Schaefer* (*Schaffer*), born August 23, 1789, died March 20, 1867, both buried at Bowers, Pa. Children:

BAPTISMAL RECORD

1783
Johannes natus den 10 t April
bapt. d. 1 t Junÿ

PARENTES	TESTES
Theobald Bieber et Elisabetha ejus uxor	Johannes Bieber et Anna Kieffern beyde ledig

(Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum Andenken an/ Johannes Bieber./ Er war/ geboren den 10. April/ 1783. starb d. 26. October/ 1862. alt 79 Jahre. 6/ Mon. und 16 Tage./ Leichen-Text:/ 1 Mose 25 C. 8. v./

Zum Andenken an/ Catharina Bieber./ Geborne Schaffer./ Gattin von Johann Bieber/ Geboren August 23. 1789./ gestorben Marz 20, 1867./ alt 77 Jahre 6 Monat/ und 28 Tage./
(Copied May 19, 1926).

V. a. *Elizabeth Bieber* (15), born March 15, 1816, died December 26, 1886. Unmarried. Buried at Bowers, Pa. Child:

VI. a) *Fyanna DeLang* (22), born September 20, 1833, died October 31, 1854, married . . ., David Carl, born May 2, 1830 (C.E.K.), . . ., died June 20, 1916 (C.E.K.).

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Elisabeth Bieber/ Geboren 15 Mertz 1816/ starb 26 Dec. 1886,/ alt 70 Jahre 9 Mo./ & 11 Tage./

Denkmal für/ Fyanna Carl./ geborne DeLang/ Gattin von David Carl/ Geboren 20 Septbr/ 1833 starb 31 Oct./ 1854 Alt 21 Jahre/ 1 Mo. und 11 Tage./
(Copied May 19, 1926).

V. b. *Katharina Bieber* (16), born March 31, 1818, died June 14, 1874, unmarried, buried at Bowers, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Zum Andenken/an/ Catharina Bieber./ Tochter von Johannes & Catharine/ Bieber./ Geboren d. 31. März/ 1818. starb d. 14. Juni/ 1874. alt 56 Jahre 2/ Mo. & 13 Tage./ Text: Ebr. 4. v. 9./
(Copied May 19, 1926).

c. *Mary Bieber* (17), born February 28, [or 24] 1820, baptized June 18, 1820, died December 12, 1900, married (1) May 18, 1845

(C.E.K.), *Johan Märtz* (*Mertz*), born October 4, 1813, died January 24, 1855. Children:

BAPTISMAL RECORD

Maria
geb. Hornung 24, 1820
get. June 18, 1820

John Bieber
Cath:

Johan George Sell
Barbara

(Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Mary nee Bieber/ wife of/ Benneville Boyer/ Born Feb. 28, 1820/ Died Dec. 12, 1900/ Aged/ 80 yrs. 9 m. 14 d./

Zum Andenken/ an/ Johan Märtz/ Geboren/ den 4 October/ 1813. u. starb/ den 24 Jenner/ 1855, Alt 41/ Jahre 3 Mo/ und 20 Tage./

Benneville Boyer/ Born Oct. 15, 1827/ Died Jan. 13, 1902/ Aged/ 74 yrs. 3 m. 28 D./
(Cemetery at Christ (Mertz) Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied by Dr. Clarence E. Keiser, Lyon Station, Pa., and forwarded to me in a letter dated May 31, 1926).

VI.

a) *Susanna Catharina Mertz* (23), born May 8, 1846, married . . ., *Alfred Neff,* born . . ., died . . .

b) *William Philipp Mertz* (24), born June 14, 1848, died September 26, 1852, buried Dryville, Pa. (C.E.K.).

c) *Sara* (*Sallie*) *Mertz* (25), born December 20, 1850, died June 6, 1921, buried Fairview Cemetery, Kutztown, Pa. (C.E.K.), married . . ., *William Deisher,* born . . ., died . . .

d) *Johannes Heinrich Mertz* (26), born April 14, 1855, died February 2, 1929, buried Dryville, Pa. (C.E.K.), married . . ., *Sarah Deisher,* born . . ., died . . .

V. married (2) August 25, 1861, *Benneville (Beier) Boyer,* born October 15, 1827, died January 13, (February 13; the date on the gravestone is not correct, C.E.K.), 1902, buried at Christ (Mertz) Church, Dryville, Pa. See gravestone inscription, above. No children.

d. *Sara Bieber* (18), born October 1, 1821, baptized January 21, 1822 (see Mertz Church Record, above), died November 2, 1873, married November 26, 1848, *Aaron Delang,* born February 10, 1823, died March 13, 1872, both buried at Bowers, Pa. Children (7), of these the third is:

VI. a) *Adam B. DeLong* (27), born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., died December 10, 1928, married (1) *Carolina Hoch,* born August 12, 1851, died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880, buried at Bowers, Pa. Children (5), of these the firstborn is:

VII. (a) IRWIN HOCH DELONG (31), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873.

V. e. *Jacob Bieber* (19), born October 19, 1824 (baptized November 7, 1825, sponsors: the parents, Mertz Church Records), died June 22, 1879, unmarried, buried at Bowers, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Jacob Bieber./ Geboren 19. Oct./ 1824,/ starb 22. Juni/ 1879./ Alt 53 Jahre 7/ Mo. u. 26 Tage/
(Copied May 19, 1926).

f. *Susanna Bieber* (20), born August 21, 1828 (according to Mertz Church Records, born August 20, 1828, baptized April 20, 1829, sponsors: the parents), died November 11, 1895, married December 3, 1848, *John Gott-*

lieb Schofer, born in Würtemberg, Germany [so Dr. Clarence E. Keiser], February 8, 1825, died November 17, 1901, both buried at Zion's Church, Maxatawny, Pa. Children:

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Father/ John G. Schofer./ Born Feb. 8, 1825./ Died Nov. 17, 1901./ Aged 76 yrs. 9/ Mo. & 9 Days./ Text St. John 16: 7./

Mother/ Susan Schofer./ wife of John G. Schofer./ Born Bieber./ Born Aug. 21, 1828./ Died Nov. 11, 1895./ aged 67 yrs. 2/ mo. & 20 Days./ Text Luke. 11. 12./ H.H./
(Copied May 19, 1926).

VI. a) *John Henry Schofer* (28), born . . ., died December 12, 1928, aged 76–11–26, buried Zion's Cemetery, Maxatawny (C.E.K.), married (1) *Lucinda Leibensperger,* born . . ., died . . ., married (2) *Mrs. Hettie Trollinger,* a born *Fox,* born . . ., died . . .

b) *Lucy Schofer* (29), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., *William Fisher,* born . . ., died . . .

c) *Cyrus Schofer* (30), born October 1, 1858, died August 16, 1859 (C.E.K.).

IV. (3) *Abram Bieber* (8), born March 19, 1786, died July 11, 1869, married . . ., *Maria Peter,* born May 26, 1787, died December 27, 1858, both buried in Hope Cemetery, Kutztown, Pa. Children:

BAPTISMAL RECORD

1786	PARENTES
Abraham natus den 19 Martÿ bapt. den 23 April	Theobald Bieber et Elisabetha ejus uxor

TESTES
Peter Scherradin et
Margretha Biebern beyde
ledig

(Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Denkmal/ für/ Abraham Bieber/ Geboren den 19 März/ 1786/ starb den 11 Juli/ 1869/ Alter 83 Jahre 3 M./ und 22 Tage/ Text Sprüche 10:7/

Denkmal/ für/ Maria Bieber/ Geborne Peter/ Gättin von/ Abraham Bieber/ Geboren den 26 Mai/ 1787. starb den 27 dec./ 1858. Alt 71 Jahre 7/ Mon. und 1 Tag./ (Copied by Dr. Clarence E. Keiser and forwarded to me in a letter dated May 31, 1926).

V. a. *Elizabeth Bieber* (21), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., *Gideon Butz,* born . . ., died . . ., the same as V. c. (13), above, cousins.

IV. (4) *Lidia Bieber* (9), born . . ., 1790, baptized November 14, 1790, died . . .

BAPTISMAL RECORD

1790
Lidia nata——
bapt. den 14ten November
Theobald Bieber et Elisabetha Bieberin
Elisabetha Eheliche
(Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)

(5) *Benjamin Bieber* (10), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., —— —— *Sharadin,* born . . ., died . . ., buried at Catawissa. Dr. Keiser communicated to me a statement which he took from an agreement, called Accordschluss, between Theobald Bieber and his two older sons, Johannes and Abraham, which is as follows: each of the two "muss meinem Sohn Benjamin einen jungen Gaul oder Märe geben sobald als er anspruch davor macht, mit Geschirr vor hinden oder fornen wie es ihm dienet und gefällt." The date of this agreement is ———. The original document itself is in possession of Mrs. Sara Mertz, Kutztown, Pa., widow of John H. Mertz, late of Lyon Station, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS, CATAWISSA, PA.

In memory of/ Benjamin/ Bieber/ Died July 2, 1872/ [the rest of the inscription is evidently broken off and subsequently the stone was reset in a stone base.].

In memory of/ Lydia Bieber/ Died Decem. 28, 1860/ Aged 67 yrs. & 3 mo./

In memory of/ Ephraim/ Bieber/ Died April 17(?) 1861(?)/ [the rest of the inscription is evidently broken off and subsequently the stone was reset in a stone base]. (Copied Easter Monday, April 21, 1930).

III. 2) *Elisabeth Bieber* (4), born . . ., died . . .

3) *Maria Bieber* (5), born . . ., died . . .

2.

Land Patent to George Bieber (Bever), March 2, 1744, Date of Warrant, February 13, 1744.

John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires True and absolute Proprietaries and Governours in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all unto whom these Presents shall Come Greeting Whereas by Virtue of Warrant under the Lesser Seal of our Province bearing date Eleventh Day of June in the year of our Lord 1734, there was surveyed and Laid out on the thirteenth Day of September then next following unto Michael Miller of the County of Philadelphia A certain Tract of Land Situate in Maxatawny Township within the said County And Whereas by Vertue of a Warrant under the Seal of our Land Office bearing date the Second Day of October in the year 1742, There was Surveyed and Laid out on the twenty first Day of July then next following unto the said Michael Miller Two other certain Tracts of Land Situate in Maxatawny Township aforesaid adjoining the above mentioned Tract Under certain Conditions in the said Warrants mentioned which Conditions not having been Complied with by the said Michael Miller the same Warrants and Surveys made in pursuance thereof are become utterly void: as in and by the said Warrants remaining in our Surveyor General's Office relation being thereunto respectively had does manifestly appear And Whereas afterwards in etc by a Warrant under the Seal of our Land Office bearing Date the Thirteenth Day of February last, upon application made to us by George Bever of the said County, our Surveyor General was required to accept and receive into his Office The Surveys of the three several above mentioned Tracts so made as aforesaid and to make return thereof (circumscribed in one

Tract as the same lye contiguous) into our Secretary's Office for the use and Behoof of the said George Bever, which Surveys being accordingly accepted by our Surveyor General and by him duly returned into our Secretary's Office, the same are included in one Tract and described by the Metes and Bounds following Vizt Beginning at a marked White Oak at a Corner of George Boone's Land and from thence extending by the same South Ten Degrees East Sixty three Perches to a marked Hickery Thence by a line of marked Trees, Henry Lukenbills and the said George Boon's Lands respectively North Eighty Degrees East Two Hundred three Perches to a Post, Thence by the said George Boon's Land and Vacant Land North ten Degrees West Two Hundred Perches to a marked Hickery, Thence by Vacant Land and Jacob Miller's Land South Eighty Degrees West Two Hundred and ninety three Perches to a Post, Thence by Land Surveyed for the use of the Proprietaries South Nineteen Degrees East one Hundred and thirty nine Perches to a Post at a Corner of the sd. George Boon's Land, Thence by the same North Eighty Degrees East Sixty nine Perches to the Place of Beginning Containing together in the whole Three Hundred and two Acres and three quarters of and acre and the Allowance of Six Acres per Cent for Roads and Highways NOW at the instance and request of the said George Bever that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of the same KNOW YE that in Consideration of the Sum of Forty six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and five Pence lawful money of Pennsilvania to our use paid by the said George Bever . . . Witness George Thomas Esqr Lieutenant Governor of the said Province . . . hath hereunto Set his Hand and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereto Affixed at Philadelphia this Second Day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty-four, the Eighteenth year of the Reign of King George the Second our Great Britain etc. And the Twenty Seventh year of the said Proprietaries Government.

Geo: Thomas (seal)

Recorded the 8th day of April 1745.

(Patent Book A, No. 11, pages 475ff. Copied June 28, 1926, Harrisburg, Pa.)

3.

Agreement or Accordschluss between Dietrich Bieber and Theobald Bieber

The date of the agreement is June 13, 1786. The agreement is between Dietrich Bieber, Maxatawny Township, Berks Co., Pa., of the one part, and his son Theobold Bieber of the same township, county, and state, of the other part. Only two excerpts from this agreement are here presented. "Nun der gemelte Dittrich Bieber Hiemit Veraccordiert übergibt und Verkauft an seinen Sohn Theobald Bieber seine Erben oder an wen er überschreiben wird seine gegenwertig bewohnente Plantasche und Land in Vorgemeltem Maxetawnÿ Township gelegen—grentzet an Johannes Bieber, Georg Sell, Jost Lukenbil, und andrer land enthaltend Ein Hundert und fünfzig Acker gediet [deeded] land, mit allem Recht darauf und dazu gehörig, Nebst noch Virtzig Acker land in Rockland Townschip gelegen als ein Theil von Ein Hundert und Neun Acker warrent land welche Virtzig Acker Holtzland sind biss auf etliche Acker welches Baumgarden ist neben dem Holtzland grentzet an land Von Peter Kieffer und andrer mit allem darauf und dazu gehörigen zu Haben und zu Halten die obengemelte Plantasche und land Vorgemelt mit allem dazugehörigen Vor ihn den gemelten Theobald Bieber . . . Weiter Verspricht der Theobald Bieber dass er seinen swеÿ Schwestern Elisabeth und Maria, jeder als Haussteuer geben will und soll die Summa Von fünfzehn pfund Geld wie obgemelt, und jeder auch eine Kuh die dass zweite oder dritte Kalb Hat, . . ."

sein

Witnesses: (signed) Diettrich Bieber
Georg Sell X
Paul Grosscup merk
debalt bieber

(From a copy of the original, which copy was made and given to me for use by Dr. Clarence E. Keiser. The original document is in possession of Mrs. John Henry Mertz, formerly of Lyon Station, now of Kutztown, Pa).

4.

DATA ON THE BIEBER FAMILY

a.

WILL OF JOHANNES BIEBER, OCTOBER 3, 1748

The will is written in German. At present the writing is so faint that it is almost next to impossible to read it. I did not make the attempt to read it, mainly because of lack of time when I examined it. It was translated more than once. The following is a copy of one of these translations: "A Testament of Johannes bebert and his House Wife how she is to do after his Decease She shall stay on the Place so long as she continues a Widow with her four Children But when the two Sons are both come to their Age then the Place shall belong to them.

But if one of the two Sons should draw the place to himself that he shall owe his Mother the Third Part

sein
Johannes×bebert
merck

Balser Gerlach
Michael Smith
Mathias Loy"

Done 3 October 1748

The foregoing will was probated January 25, 1754, as the following shows: "At Reading in Berks County January the Twenty fifth in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty four; Personally appeared Michel Smith of a Place called Allamingle yeoman and Mathias Loy of the same Place yeoman, two of the Witnesses to the Writing above purporting to be the Testament or last Will of Johannes Bebert (who is deceased since the making thereof) and on their oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God did severally solemnly declare that they saw and heard the said John Bebert therein named sign publish and declare the same Writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the Doing thereof he was of sound mind memory etc. . . . that Balser Gerlach the other Witness to the same Writing or Will, did subscribe his name thereto, together with these Deponents, in the Presents and at the Request of the said Testator John Bebert."

January the 25th 1754 Adam Witman of Reading in Berks County Innholder upon his solemn oath on the Holy Evangelists doth declare that the foregoing Writing [the will] contains a just Translation into English of a Writing shewn to him by the Deputy Register for the County aforesaid for an original Writing in the German Language purporting to be the Testament of Johannes Beberts, done according to the Best of his knowledge.

(Signed) Adam Witman

Sworn at Reading the said 25th Jan. 1754."

January 25, 1754

This brought to me as a Copy of John Bebert's Will by Annadelia (the wife of Jacob Grenoble of a tract of Land not erected into a Township, near Maxatawny, yeoman) who was the widow of the said Jno Bebert, who livd at the same Place. The witnesses Michael Smith & Mathias Loy came with her and the Will was proved.—The witnesses say that Gerlach wrote it.

Catherine who marryd Adam Staub is a Child by a former Seuter there are 3 others by a former Seuter. Annadelia says that the said John Bebert gave them all their Portions before marrying her

Her children are named	The former Children
Elisabeth Margaret about 18 years old	Catharina
Conrad, about 16	John
Magdalena abot 11	Sarah
Henry —— 7	Mary

On another sheet of paper the following: "John Bevert near Maxatawny died abot 5 years ago possessed an Esta. of abot £40 or £50.

He left a Widow Annadelia, who intermarry'd with Jacob Granoble abot 4 years ago

and 4 Children
Conrad & Henry
Elisabeth
Catherine who intermarry'd wth Adam Staub.
John Bevert made a Will—which is not yet proved.

This memorandum I made the 9th day of Jan. 1754."
(The foregoing I copied from the originals in the Court House, Reading Pa., November 15, 1929).

I. Johannes Bieber, married Annadelia. Children:
II. 1. Elisabeth Margaret, about 18 years of age in 1754
2. Conrad, about 16 years of age in 1754
3. Magdalena, about 11 years of age in 1754
4. Henry, about 7 years of age in 1754

The "former children" mentioned above seem to have been children of Johannes Bieber by a "former seuter" and not children of Annadelia by a former suitor. In the last list above, Catharine evidently is in the wrong list.

b.

Will of George Bieber

The will is not dated; it was probated May 14, 1753. It is written in the German language. "Whereas I George Beeber am now of sound mind and Memory, I do make this my last Will and Testament, that is to say: I give devise and bequeath to my Mother Sarah Beeber, after my Decease, all my Substance and worldly Estate in money and Goods which I leave behind, and, after my Mother's Death, I order that three Pounds in Money shall be paid to my Brother Lorentz Beeber out of my Estate, and three Pounds to my Sister Otila: And all the Rest of my Estate, after my Mother's Decease, I order that it shall come to my Brother Jacob Beeber, and to my Sister Magdalene Beeber: But if it shall happen, that my Mother shall marry again, then I order that she shall be, directly thereupon, obliged to give and pay all my Substance and Estate to my Brothers and Sisters according to this my Writings.

his
Witness George Beeber
Friedrich Ullrich mark
Mathis bieber
Martin boger"

(Copied from the originals in the Court House, Reading, Pa., November 15, 1929. The witnesses signed their names in German script).

I. Sarah Bieber

II. 1. George Bieber, the testator, will probated May 14, 1753
2. Lorentz Bieber
3. Otila Bieber
4. Jacob Bieber
5. Magdalene Bieber

c.

Twelve Letters of Administration

1.

To Sarah Beeber widow Mother of George Beeber late of Oley Hills in the County of Berks in the Province aforesaid [Pennsylvania] yeamon *Whercas* the said George Beeber in his life time executed a writing in the German Language purporting to be his last Will and Testament (a true copy of the Translation whereof into English is to these presents annexed [see above].) May 14, 1753.
(Letters of Administration, vol. 1, page 4).

2.

To Laurence Bieber, Eldest Son of Sarah Bieber late of Richmond Township in Berks County in the Province of Pennsylvania Widow deceased.
Dated September 22, 1764.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 2, page 131).

3.

To Lawrence Bieber of Greenwich Township in the County of Berks in the said Province [Pa.] yeoman Eldest Son of Theobold Bieber deceased.
Dated August 1, 1768.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 3, pages 410ff.).

4.

To Elisabeth Bieber Widow & Relict of Dietrich Bieber Late of Maxedawny Township in Berks County yeoman Deceased.
Dated May 15, 1787.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 4, page 89).

5.

To George Bieber Oldest Brother of John Bieber late of Maxatawny Township in Berks County Joiner Deceased Greeting. Dated March 8, 1788.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 4, page 115).

6.

To Dewalt Bieber a Son of Dewalt Beiber (sic) late of Maxatawny Township yeoman. Dated February 19, 1808.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 7, page 37).

7.

To Barbara Bavear, Widow, and Relict, and John Grett, a Brother in law to John Bavear, Late of Bern Township, Deceased, and to each of them. Dated November 3, 1823.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 8, page 115).

8.

To Elizabeth Bieber widow relict & George Bieber a Brother to Dewald Bieber late of the Borough of Kutztown deceased. Dated November 10, 1827).
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa., Vol. 10, page 212).

9.

To George Bieber Junr a Son George Bieber & George Kemp Junr friends (sic) To Isaac Bieber late of Maxatawny Township . . . the widow having renounced her right. Dated October 14, 1829.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 11, page 27).

10.

To Isaac L. Bieber a brother of Dewalt Bieber late of . . . . [blank] township, Berks Co. Dated November 9, 1839.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 9, page 87).

11.

To Joshua S. Bieber a Son of Elizabeth Beeber late of the borough of Kutztown Borks County deceased. Dated July 30. 1857.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 21, page 265).

12.

To Susannah Beeber Widow & Relict of Nicholas Beeber Late of Rockland Township in Berks County, Greeting. Dated March 26, 1878.
(Letters of Administration, Court House, Reading, Pa. Vol. 4, page 83).

d.

Will of Theobalt Bieber

The will was made September 2, 1823, and was probated October 10, 1827. ". . . Dewault Bieber of Maxatawny Township Berks County . . . unto my son Devault Bieber . . . to my beloved wife Margaret . . . the tract of Land whereon my Son Isaac now Lives . . . which I bought of Henry Siegfried . . . my Son Dewault & my wife Margaret . . to my two Sons Isaac & John—Provided my Son Devault should not get in perfect health in his lifetime . . . to and among all my Children—It is further my will that my beloved wife Son Devault and my Daughter Catherine . . . each of my Children named Shall receive of the above Sums to Wit Polly intermarried to Isaac Zimmerman . . . Judy intermarried to Felix Beisel . . Susanna intermarried to George Miller . . . Saly intermarried to George Baum . . . and my Daughter Catherine . . . that my two Sons Isaac & John shall not be entitled to receive any money for that time which they worked for me Since their age of twenty one years . . . appoint my two Sons Isaac & John and my Son in Law George Miller Esq to be my Executors . . . this Second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

(Signed) Theobalt Bieber L.S.

Witnesses:
George Bieber
John Beaver, Jr.
(Will Book 6, pages 145–149. Court House, Reading, Pa. Copied November 22, 1929).

I. Theobalt Bieber,
Margaret ——. Children:

II. 1. Devault
2. Isaac } Executors
3. John }
4. Polly, married Isaac Zimmerman
5. Judy, married Felix Beisel
6. Susanna, married George Miller
7. Saly, married George Baum
8. Catherine

APPENDIX F

DESCENDANTS OF JOHANNES DIENER, BIRSTEIN, HESSE, GERMANY

I. *Johannes Diener* (a shoemaker by trade) (1), born . . ., died . . ., 1752, married June 19, 1718, *Anna Margarethe Eisenhut,* born . . ., died . . ., 1763. Children:

II. 1. *Henrich Gerhardt Diener* (2), born Birstein, Germany, February 18, 1720, died . . ., 1772 (on a farm near Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa.), married in Birstein, Germany, January 18, 1747, *Anna Elizabeth Krock,* born in Birstein, Germany, December 10, 1713, died . . . [emigration pass issued to Henrich Gerhardt Diener by the authorities in Birstein, Germany, May 13, 1751, see illustration]. Children:

III. 1) *Johann Heinrich Diener* (8), born Birstein, Hesse, Germany, December 4, 1747, (came to this country with his parents; his father "qualified" September 14, 1751), died December 11, 1825, married (1) March 26, 1774, *Maria Elizabeth Fuchs,* born . . ., died . . . Child:

IV. (1) *Henrich (Henry) Diener* (10), born October 28, 1775, baptized 30, the month is not named (sponsors: Mathias Fux and his wife Anna Maria), died . . .

III. married (2) October . . ., 1778, *Catherina Staud,* born . . ., died . . ., 1840.

Children:

IV. (2) *Johannes Diener* (11), born October 1, 1779 (according to the Hill Church Records he was born November 2, 1779, baptized November [sic] 31, sponsors: Johannes Gerber and his wife Magdalene), died Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., February 20, 1860, married August 22, 1809, *Charlotta Henrich,* born November 13 (so, according to Church record, but 15, according to gravestone inscription), 1782, died May 12, 1849. Children:

V. a. *Lydia Diener* (31), born September 9, 1810, died September 21, 1876, married August 3, 1835, *Daniel Kelchner,* born . . ., died . . . Children:

VI. a) *Charlotta Kelchner* (41), born September 28, 1835, baptized May 1, 1836, sponsors: John Diener and Scharlata.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum Andenken/ an./ Lydia Diener./ Geboren Sep. 9. 1810/ Starb Sep. 21, 1876./ Alter./ 66 Jahr und 12./ Tage./ T. Hoffman./
(Cemetery (old), Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied January 10, 1930).

John Kelchner,/ Born July 22, 1833,/ Died March 25, 1903,/ Age 69 Yrs. 6 M. 3 D./ Co. K. 167. Regt. Pa./ [Son of Lydia Diener].

Scherlida/ Wife of/ William Hasler/ Born/ Sept. 28. 1835./ Died/ April 30. 1890./ aged/ 54 yrs. 6 mos./ & 9 dys./ [Mother of Dilbon Sanders, "ledigerweis"].

Here rests/ Mary Ann Elizabeth/ Daughter of/ William & Charlotte/ Hasler./ Born May 25. 1861./ Died Jan. 27. 1882./ Aged./ 20 yrs. 8 mo. &/ 2 days./

J. W. H. [the name on the headstone is now illegible, but the initials on the footstone are clear]/son of Wilm & Charlotte/ Hasler/ Born April 21. 1871/ died June 13. 1872/ Aged 1 year 1 M. 22 Days./

Here rests/ Helona Harriet,/ Daughter of/ Wilm & Charlotte/ Hasler/ born May 22, 1874./ died Aug. 30. 1880./ age 6 yrs. 3 mo. & 8 da./

Here rests/ Peter Clayton/ Son of/ Wilm & Charlotte/ Hasler./ born April 13. 1877./ died July 8. 1880./ age 3 yrs. 2 mo. & 25 da./
(Cemetery (new), Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied February 21, 1930).

Lydia Diener appears as the only sponsor in the record of baptism of Carolina Hoch, October 26, 1851, see above. The following records of baptism show that she and her sister Sarah appeared each alone as sponsor on the same day at baptisms in 1853:

Carl Weiser Cathar.	Hannah geb. 18. Aprill 1851 get. 20 Mertz 1853	Sarah Diener
" "	Cathari[na] Anna geb. 20 Aprill 1852 get. 20 Mertz 1853	Lidia Diener

(Mertz Church Records, Dryville, Pa.)

V. b. *Rebecca Diener* (32), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 19, 1813, died August 6, 1892, married June . . ., 1837, *Jeremiah Hoch*, born Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 29, 1814, died March 16, 1867. Children (see "National Genealogical Society Quarterly," March, 1925, page 14):

VI. a) *a daughter* (42), stillborn, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 2, 1839.

b) *Catharina Lovina* (43), born Ruscombmanor Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 16, 1842.

c) *Sara Anna* (44), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., March 2, 1843.

d) *Elias* (45), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., July 20, 1845.

VI. e) *a daughter* (46), stillborn, Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August . . ., 1846.

f) *Hanna Maria* (47), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 20, 1848, died October 10, 1850.

g) *Moses* (48), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., September 2, 1849, died September 25, 1859.

h) *Carolina* (49), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August 12, 1851, baptized October 26, 1851 (Church Records, Bowers, Pa.), died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880, married *Adam B. DeLong,* born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24, 1852, died Lewistown, Pa., December 10, 1928, buried Mt. Rock Cemetery, Lewistown, Pa., Children.

VII. (a) IRWIN HOCH DeLONG (53), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873. For a record of the other children see "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes DeLang," 1926, pages 18ff.*

*My name appears twice in this list of "Descendants of Johannes Diener, Birstein, Hesse, Germany," first here, in the seventh generation, as (a), (53), then in the eighth generation, as aa., 55. This is a phenomenon that occurs not infrequently. The Germans call it "Deszendenzverlust" and speak of it as "a logical necessity" ("eine logische Notwendigkeit"). See *Genealogie,* by Otto Forst-Battaglia, 1913, page 14 (in *Grundriss der Geschichtswissenschaft,* by Aloys Meister).—For the place and importance of genealogy in historical study, see, in addition to the work just mentioned, O. Lorenz, *Die Geschichtswissenschaft in Hauptrichtungen und Aufgaben, kritisch erörtert,* 2 Theile, 1886 and 1891; O. Lorenz, *Lehrbuch der gesamten wissenschaftlichen Genealogie, Stammbaum und Ahnentafel in ihrer geschichtlichen, soziologischen und naturwissenschaftlichen Bedeutung,* Berlin, 1898; Ernst Bernheim, *Lehrbuch der Historischen Methode und der Geschichtsphilosophie,* München und Leipzig, 1914, pages 309ff. ("Es ist wohl wahr, dass die Genealogie neuerdings von den Historikern etwas stiefmütterlich behandelt worden ist"); also the works with a more practical aim, cited on the folded chart, the only scientific works in their respective fields, at any rate so far as I can see.

VI. i) *Maria Anna* (50), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 13, 1853.

j) *Emilie* (*Amelia*) (51), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., February 22, 1854.

k) *a son,* born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 14, 1855, died May 16, 1855.

V. c. *Catherine Diener* (33), born June 9, 1815, died March 10, 1888, married January 26, 1845, *Charles Weiser,* born December 16, 1812, died February 15, 1893.

GRAVESTONE INSCRPTIONS

Catharina Diener,/ Ehefrau von/ Charles Weiser./ Geboren 9 Juni 1815./ Starb 10 März 1888./ alt 72 Jahre 9 Mo. u. 1 Tag./ Text Joh. 11. 25./ Mother/

Charles Weiser./ Geboren 16 Dec. 1812./ Starb 15 Feb. 1893,/ alt 80 Jahre 1 Mo. u. 29 T./ Text Psalm 90. 10./ Father/
(Cemetery (new), Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied February 21, 1930).

d. *Leah Diener* (34) born December 12, 1817, baptized October 25, 1818 (sponsor: Christina Diener), died . . ., married . . ., *David Bobst,* born . . ., died . . .

e. *Josuah Diener* (35), born June 5, 1819, baptized September 12, 1819, sponsors: Jacob Scherk and Maria (=daughter of Jacob Henrich and his wife Margareth, a born Dilbon).

f. *Sara* (*Sallie*) *Diener* (36), born October 16, died, February 7, 1891, unmarried.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Sarah Deaner/ born/ Oct. 16. 1815/ Died/ Feb. 27. 1891/ aged/ 75 yrs. 4 Mo. & 11 Ds./
(Cemetery (new), Mertz Church, Dryville, Pa. Copied February 21, 1930).

IV. (3) *Maria Elizabeth Diener* (12), born June 2, 1781, died . . .

(4) *Henrich (Henry) Diener* (13), born February 23, 1783, baptized April 18 (sponsors: Carl Weiss and his wife Eva Catharina), died August 3, 1792, buried August 5th, age 9 years, 5 months, 4 days.

(5) *David Diener* (14), born August 23, 1785, baptized September 25th, (sponsors: Johannes Gerber and his wife Magdalene), died July 30, 1792, buried July 31, age 6 years, 11 months, 5 days.

(6) *Magdalene Diener* (15), born October 9, 1787, died . . .

(7) *Catharina Diener* (16), born . . ., died July 20, 1792, buried July 21, age 2 years, 19 (sic) months, 3 weeks, 2 days.

(8) *Johann Peter Diener* (17), born August 15, 1791, baptized September 11 (sponsors: Johannes Gerber and his wife Magdalena), died July 23, 1792, buried on the 25th, age 11 months, 1 week, 2 days.

(9) *Christina Diener* (18), born April 22, 1793, baptized May 19 (sponsors: Matthias Mox, and Catharina), died June 27, 1859.

(10) *Adam Diener* (19), born September 23, 1795, died October 29, 1880, married Christina Machias, born July 15, 1797, died September 7, 1872.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Hier ruhet/ Adam Diener./ Geboren/ den 23. Sept. 1795:/ Starb/ den 29 Oct. 1880./ Alt/ 85 Jahre. 1 Mo. und/ 6 Tage./

Zum Andenken/ an/ Christina./ Ehe gattin von/ Adam Diener./ Geborne Machias./ Geb. Juli 15. 1797./ Starb Sep. 7, 1872./ Alter 75 Jahre 1 Mo./ ud 22 Tag./
(Cemetery, Hill Church, Pa. Copied August 18, 1929).

IV. (11) *Henry Diener* (20), born December 12, 1797, died October 16, 1868, married . . ., *Esther Motz,* born February 19, 1801, died August 15, 1880. Children (6, according to the gravestone inscription, below:

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum Andenken an/ Heinrich S. Diener./ Geboren den 12. December/ 1797. starb den 16. October/ 1868, alt 70 Jahre. 10 Mo./ und 4 Tage./ Lebte in der Ehe mit Esther J. Motz./ 38 Jahre, zeugte 6 Kinder./ Text: Off. Joh. 14 Cap. 5 vers./

Lieder { Bestimmt war mir mein hoes Ziel etc./ Das kurzgesteckte Ziel der Tage etc.

Zum Andenken an./ Esther/ Ehegattin von/ Heinrich Diener./ Eine Geborne Motzin/ Geboren den 19. Feb./ 1801/ Starb den 15 August./ 1880:/ alt. 79 Jahr 5 Mo. ud 27/ Tage./ Text Jesaia Ca. 60 verst 20./
(Cemetery, Hill Church, Pa. Copied August 18, 1929).

(12) *Mathias Diener* (21), born October 19, [the day of the month is not mentioned in the church record: Hill Church], 1799, baptized December 14, 1799 (sponsors. Matheus Motz and his wife Catharina), died . . .

III. 2) *Peter Diener* (9), born April 28, 1753, died November 10, 1798, married May 9, 1773, *Anna Margaretha Maier,* born July 10, 1752, died February 26, 1825, both buried in the cemetery at Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa. See gravestone inscriptions, above. Children (9, according to the inscription on the gravestone):

IV. (1) *Anna Catharina Diener* (22), born March 13, 1774, died February 15, 1821, married . . ., *Friedrich Lobach,* born . . ., died . . ., Children:

V. a. *Anna Catharina Lobach* (37), born October 20, 1794, baptized May 24, 1795 (sponsors: Peter Diener and his wife Anna Margaretha, Oley Church Records), died . . .

V. b. *Rebecca Lobach* (38), born September 10, 1798, died October 2, 1864, married July 28, 1822, *Michael DeLang,* born January 4, 1792, died August 2, 1881. Children [(4), see "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang," 1926, pages 17f.]:

VI. a) *Aaron Delang* (52), born February 10, 1823, died March 13, 1872, married November 26, 1848, *Sara Bieber,* born October 1, 1821, died November 2, 1873. Children (5), of these the third is:

VII. (a) *Adam B. DeLong* (54), born Longswamp Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24, 1852, died Lewistown, Pa., December 10, 1928, married *Carolina Hoch,* born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August 12, 1851, died Lyons, Pa., May 6, 1880. Children (5), of these the firstborn is:

VIII. aa. IRWIN HOCH DeLONG (55), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873.

V. c. *Danel* (*Daniel*) *Lobach* (39), born January 6, 1812, baptized May 10, 1812, sponsors: Jacob Diener and wife. See Church Records, Bowers, Pa.

d. *David Lobach* (40), born July 29, 1815, baptized . . ., sponsors: Moses Delang and Elisabeth.

IV. (2) *Johannes Diener* (23), born January 7, 1776, died December 29, 1851, married . . ., *Magdalena Fischer,* born March 20, 1779, died May 22, 1862, both buried Mertztown, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Zum/ Andenken/ an/ Johannes Diener./ (Einer der Baumeister der hiesigen Kirche)/ geboren den 7 Janar/

1776, d. 29. Decbr/ 1851. Alter 75 Jahre 11/ Monate und 22 Tage./ Leichen Text Tobiä 14, 16, 17,/ Schweyer & Desch/ Allentown/

Zum/ Andenken/ an/ Magdalena Diener,/ Gattin von/ Johannes Diener,/ geborne Fischer./ Geboren den 20 Marz/ 1779, starb d. 22. Mai/ 1862. Alter 83 Jahre,/ 2 Monate und 2 Tage./ Text 1ste Buch Mosis. 25:8./ W. S./

At rest/ Maria Diener,/ Born/ March 12, 1816/ Died July 10, 1899/ Aged/ 83 yrs. 3 mo. & 28 D./

Father/ Peter Diener/ Born/ May 15, 1818/ Died Aug. 26. 1899/ Aged/ 81 yrs. 3 mo. & 11 D./

Mother/ Caroline Diener/ wife of/ Peter Diener/ nee Folk/ Born June 20, 1830/ died Feb. 7. 1896/ Aged 65 yrs. 7 mo./ & 17 Days.

Denkmal für/ Oliver Frank/ Sohn von/ Peter & Carolina/ Diener./ Geboren d. 11. Juni/ 1866, starb d. 8. Mai/ 1873; alt: 6 Jahre, 10/ mo. & 27 Tage./ Text Psalm 16. 6./

Denkmal für/ Henry Cyrenius/ Sohn von/ Peter & Carolina/ Diener./ Geboren den 9. Juli/ 1852, starb d. 21. Dec. 1873; alt: 21 Jahre./ 5 mo. & 12 Tage./ Text Spr. 8. 17./

Ruhet wohl in Eurer/ Kammer/ Schlafet wohl in Eurer/ Gruft./ Ihr seid frei von allem/ Jammer/ Bis Euch Jesus wieder/ ruft/ Liebe Kinder, gute Nacht./ Gott hat's wohl mit Euch/ gemacht./

CORNER STONE
1837. My 4t [= 1837. May 4th]
Building Committee:/ David Ginginger./
Jonas Trexler./
Jonathan Haas./
John Diener./

(Cemetery, Mertztown, Pa., and corner stone of the church. Copied August 10, 1930).

IV. (3) *Heinrich Diener* (24), born April 16, 1777, an officer of the Reformed Congregation, Red Church, Schuylkill Co., Pa., June 11, 1832, died January 1, 1858, married December 7, 1802 (Helffrich Records, page 13), *Elisabeth Helwig,* born November 21, 1779, died July 6, 1844, both buried at Red Church, near Orwigsburg, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Denkmal/ für/ Elisabeth Diener,/ geborne Helwig/ Ehefrau von Heinr. Diener./ wurde geboren den 21ten Novbr. 1779,/ lebte 41 Jahre, 7 Mon. in h: Ehe,/ und starb den 6ten July 1844./ Alter 64 Jahr; 7 Mon. 15. Tage./ Text Hiob. Cap. 17. Vers 4./

Denkmal/ der Liebe für/ Heinrich Diener,/ Ehegatte u. Wittwer/ von/ Elisabeth Diener, geb. Helwig./ Geboren April 16, 1777./ und starb; Januar 1, 1858/ alter; 80 Jahre 8 M. 16 T./ Ev. St. Lucä (Text) C. 21. v. 29./ Ruhe in Frieden./

Elsewhere on the same cemetery, the following: Charles F. Dinner [sic]/ Co. D. Independent/ Born/ Dec. 8, 1836./ Died/ March 3, 1903./ Aged/ 66 Y. 2 M. 25 D./

In/ Memory/ of/ Morgan Diener./ Co. B. 52 Reg. Penna./ Vol. Died Oct. 8, 1892./ Aged 67 years./ (Copied January 5, 1930).

IV. (4) *Christina Diener* (25), born November 21, 1780, died December 22, 1828, married January 4, 1804, *Johannes Koch,* born . . ., died . . ., she is buried at Hill Church, Pa.

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Hier/ ruhen die Gebeine von/ Christina Koch/ Gattin von Johannes Koch und/ Tochter von Johannes Peter Die=/ner und seiner Gattin Margaretha/ Sie war gebohren den 21sten No=/vember 1780. verehlichte sich/ auf den 4ten January 1804*/ zeugte 7 Kinder 2 Söhne und 5/ Töchter starb den 22sten Decem=/ber 1828 und ist alt geworden/ 48 Jahre 2 Monathe und 1 Tage./ (Copied January 10, 1930).

(5) *Jacob Diener* (26), born October 5, 1782, baptized November 24, 1782 (sponsors: "Jacob Ende sei frau Anna Maria," Oley Church Records), died . . ., married June 17, 1804. *Maria Fischer* (Helffrich Records, page 14), born . . ., died . . .

*John Koch and Christina Diener were married January 3, 1805. So "Marriage Record of the Lutheran Church, New Hanover, Montgomery County, Pa., 1745-1809," p. 646, in *Pennsylvania Archives,* Second Series, vol. VIII, pp. 631- 660).

IV. (6) *Magdalena Diener* (27), born . . ., died . . .

(7) *Maria* (*Moly*, so in the will of her mother, see above) *Diener* (28), born . . ., died prior to October 3, 1822, the date of her mother's will, married *George Clauser*, born . . ., died . . .

(8) *Peter Diener* (29), born April 8, 1789, died October 19, 1864 (George S. Diener, Stony Creek Mills, Pa).

(9) *Johann George Diener* (30), born December 26, 1792, baptized June 9, 1793 (sponsors: George Schall and his wife Catharina, Oley Church Records), died May 8, 1879, buried Red Cross, Northumberland Co., Pa. (George S. Diener).

II. 2. *Johann Georg Diener* (3), born Birstein, Germany, October 27, 1722, died . . .

3. *Johannes Diener* (4), born Birstein, Germany, December 2, 1725, died . . .

4. *Anna Elizabeth Diener* (5), born Birstein, Germany, September 11, 1729, died . . .

5. *Johann Christoph Diener* (6), born Birstein, Germany, September 3, 1736, died . . .

6. *Johanette Margarette Diener* (7), born Birstein, Germany, November 26, 1743, died . . .

APPENDIX G

1.

LIST OF DESCENDANTS OF RUDOLF HOCH AND HIS WIFE VERONICA

I. *Rudolf Hoch* (1), born . . ., died January 8, 1748, married . . ., *Veronica* ——, born . . ., died . . ., 1728. Children:

II. 1. *Johannes Hoch* (2), born . . ., died July 11, 1777, in Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., in his 77th year (will probated January 18, 1779, renunciation of John Deturck, one of the designated executors, dated January 4, 1779), married . . ., *Susanna* ——, born . . ., died February 22, 1763, in her 65th year. Children:

III. 1) *Deborah Hoch* (3), born May 6, 1721, died February 6, 1779, married . . ., *Johannes Deturck,* born September 21, 1713, died February 14, 1781 (from records in Gideon Hoch Family Bible).

2) *Samuel Hoch* (4), born March . . ., 1723, died . . .

3) *Rudolf Hoch* (5), born September . . ., 1725, died . . . (will probated November 10, 1796), married . . ., *Mary Weber* (daughter of Dewalt Weber, according to Samuel Hoch, Lyon Station, Pa.), born . . ., died . . ., will probated May 7, 1821), Children (in the order in which they are named in the father's will; in the mother's will the order is different):

IV. (1) *Johannes Hoch* (14).
(2) *Isaac Hoch* (15).
(3) *Samuel Hoch* (16).
(4) *Jacob Hoch* (17), born . . ., died . . ., married . . ., *Catharina Carl* (*Karl*), born . . ., died . . . Children:

V. a. *Jacob K. Hoch* (29), born Richmond Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 1, 1790, died June 9, 1867, married (1) August 20, 1814, *Christina Faihgner,* born Stuttgart, Germany, July 11, 1788, died 1826? Children:

VI. a) *Jeremias Hoch* (36), born Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 29, 1814, died March 16, 1867, married June . . ., 1837, *Rebecca Diener,* born June 19, 1813, died August 6, 1892. Children:

VII. (a) *a stillborn unnamed daughter* (37), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 2, 1839.

VII. (b) *Catharina Lovina Hoch* (38), born Ruscombmanor Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 16, 1842.

(c) *Sara Anna Hoch* (39), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., March 2, 1843.

(d) *Elias Hoch* (40), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., July 20, 1845.

(e) *a stillborn unnamed daughter* (41), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August . . ., 1846.

(f) *Hanna Maria Hoch* (42), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 20, 1848, died October 10, 1850.

(g) *Moses Hoch* (43), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., September 2, 1849, died September 25, 1859.

(h) *Carolina Hoch* (44), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., August 12, 1851, died May 6, 1880, married *Adam B. DeLong,* born June 24, 1852, died December 10, 1928. Children, 5, of whom the firstborn is:

VIII. aa. IRWIN HOCH DeLONG (48), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 11, 1873.

VII. (i) *Maria Anna Hoch* (45), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., January 13, 1853.

(j) *Emilie Hoch* (46), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., February 22, 1854.

(k) *an unnamed son* (47), born Rockland Township, Berks Co., Pa., May 14, 1855, died May 16, 1855.

IV. (5) *Abraham Hoch* (18), no longer living September 21, 1793, was married and had children, married *Eva Diel.*

(6) *Daniel Hoch* (19).

(7) *Susanna Hoch* (20), married *Andreas Fegely.*

(8) *Esther Hoch* (21), married *Daniel Yoder.*

(9) *Elizabeth Hoch* (22), married *George Stitzel.*

(10) *Maudlin* (*Magdalena*) *Hoch* (23), married *Peter Dunkel.*

(11) *Mary Hoch* (24), no longer living September 21, 1793, had children, married *Jacob Stein.*

III. 4) *Daniel Hoch* (6), born May . . ., 1728, died . . .

5) *Maria Hoch* (7), born December . . ., 1730, died . . ., married *Hans Pott.*

6) *Magdalena Hoch* (8), born December . . ., 1730, died . . ., married . . ., *Jacob Keim.*

7) *Johannes Hoch* (9), born March . . ., 1733, died March 11, 1763, in his 30th year, married *Susanna* ——, born . . ., died . . . Child:

Letters of Administration . . . to Susannah Hoch of Oley Township in the County of Berks in the said Province[Pa.], widow and Relict of John Hoch junior of the same Place Miller deceased . . . March 28, 1763.
(Letters of Administration, vol. 2, page 95).

IV. (1) *Catherine Hoch* (25).

III. 8) *Susanna Hoch* (10), born May . . ., 1735, died . . ., married . . ., *Ludwich Pitting.*

9) *Jacob Hoch* (11), born December 16, 1738, died . . .

10) *Esther Hoch* (12), born September 4, 1742, died November 21, 1766, in her 24th year.

11) *Abraham Hoch* (13), born September 5, 1745, died March 4, 1826, aged 80 years, 5 months, 29 days, married . . ., *Susanna Weiser,* born March 12, 1750, died February 21, 1824, aged 73 years, 11 months, 9 days. Children:

IV. (1) *Abraham Hoch* (26), born September 5, 1771, died November 31 (sic), 1838 or 1839, aged 67 years, 2 months, 26 days, married . . ., *Susanna Schneider,* born May 29, 1772, died December 14, 1836, aged 64 years, 6 months, 15 days. Children:

V. a. *Sahra Hoch* (30), born March 19, 1795, died December 8, 1816, aged 21 years, 8 months, 2 weeks, 4 days.

b. *Gideon Hoch* (31), born October 19, 1796, died September 23, 1865, aged 68 years, 11 months, 4 days.

c. *Josua Hoch* (32), born June 17, 1799.

d. *Hannah Hoch* (33), born February 10, 1805, died September 16, 1806, aged 1 year, 7 months, 5 days.

e. *Rahel Hoch* (34), born July 13, 1807.

f. *Susanna Hoch* (35), born April 12, 1811, died October 12, 1881.

IV. (2) *Susanna Hoch* (27), born April 30, 1774.

(3) *Esther Hoch* (28), born April 15, 1789.

2.

DATA ON THE HERBEIN FAMILY

I. *Jonathan Herbein,* Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., 74 years of age when he made his will in 1768, married . . ., *Maria* ——. Children (in the order mentioned in his will):

II. 1. *Peter.*
2. *Davidt.*
3. *Jacob.*
4. *Maria.*
5. *Esther,* married —— *Hoch.*
6. *Sarah,* married —— *Huttenstein.* Children:

III. 1) *Jacob.*
2) *Davidt.*
3) *Catharina.*

The will was made June 30, 1768, and was probated February 7, 1787. It is written in German and is witnessed by William

Reeser and Christian Merckel. The testator's sons, Peter and Jacob, are named executors. (Will Book A, pages 137–138; cf. also Will Book 3, page 71).

The widow of Jonathan Herbein made her will December 13, 1774, and it was probated on the same date as that of her deceased husband: February 7, 1787. It too is written in German and is witnessed by Daniel Schneider and Benjamin Schneider. The testatrix names her two sons, Peter and Jacob, executors. (Will Book A, page 134; cf. also Will Book 3, page 71). The following is the list of children in the order and form as given in the mother's will:

1. *Peter.*
2. *Jacob.*
3. *David.*
4. *Maria.*
5. *Esther,* married —— *Hoch.*
6. *Sarah,* married —— *Hottenstein.* Children:
   1) *Jacob Hottenstein.*
   2) *David Hottenstein.*
   3) *Catharina Hottenstein.*

I. *Peter Herbein,* Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., made his will March 15, 1795, and in it he speaks of land "adjoining the land of my Brother Jacob Herbein and Jacob Wiest", from which it is clear that this Peter Herbein is a son of Jonathan Herbein, named above. The will is written in English, with a codicil dated March 16, 1795, and was probated April 4, 1795. It was witnessed by Samuel High, Jacob Herbein, and Benjamin Spyker, Jr. The executors named are Peter Herbein and Samuel Herbein, sons of the testator. The name of the testator's wife is *Elizabeth.* The children, in the order named in the will, are the following:

II. 1. *Peter.*
   2. *Samuel.*
   3. *David.*
   4. *Maria.*
   5. *Esther,* wife of *Benjamin Schneider.*
   6. *Sahra,* wife of *Christian Kinsey.*
   7. *Susanna,* wife of *Peter Knabb.*

(Will Book B, pages 388–390; cf. also Will Book 3, page 225).

I. Apples
1. Ben
2. Jonat
3. Gano
4. Rome
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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

"John Herbein and Daniel Herbein, Sons of Jacob Herbein, late of Oley Township in Berks County, yeoman, deced (Susanna Herbein Widow of said deced having first duly renounced her Right of Administration) and to each of them." January 1, 1798.
(Letters of Administration, vol. 5, page 144).

I. *Peter Herbein,* Bern Township, made his will July 25, 1766. The same was probated June 5, 1767. It is written in German and is witnessed by Jacob Dester, Peter Zuber, and Henrich Risser. The testator's wife is *Margareth,* and she together with his son Peter is named executrix. The children, in the order named in the will, are the following:

II. 1. *Peter.*
2. *Maria Barbara.*
3. *Sophia.*
4. *Anna-Liss.*

(From the original. The will is not recorded. Cf. Will Book 2, page 30).

3.

DATA ON THE BOLLEBACH FAMILY

1778	PARENTS	SPONSORS
Abraham natus den 1 t Aug.	Joh: Nicolaus Bollenbach et Anna Maria ejus uxor	Abraham de Lang et Maria ejus uxor.

bapt. den 27 7bris
(Church Records, Bowers, Pa.)

Johan Abraham Bollenbacher, "qualified" November 25, 1740; in the "original list" his name appears as Abraham Bulipacker, age 25.

Abraham Bolebach and Anna Maria Rackin, sponsors, September 29, 1765.
(Church Records, Oley, Pa.)

Abraham Bolybaker, Phila. city, 1790.
Nichs. Bollenbach, Brunswick and Manheim Townships, Berks Co., Pa., 1790.

Abraham Delang (the name of whose wife is Mary), made his will October 19, 1778, and the same was probated January 23, 1779. He wills money to different children at whose baptism he and his wife stood as sponsors. Among these are Mary Bollebach and Abraham Bollebach, children of Nicholas Bollebach. He says in this connection: "But of the named children of godfather and godmother and the mentioned money which I give to them shall be for Schooling to Let the same be Lernd to Read the Bibila But for no other use, it is my Will that the said money Which shall come to them children shall be paid one year efter my Decease". The will was not written by the testator who signed his name to it in German script.

Abraham Bollenbacher (Northkill)

Abraham Bollenbacher, b. May 16, 1746; bap. Sep. 28, 1746, Sponsors, Abraham Haass & wife. (Stoever Records, p. 34, Col. 1; cf. also a copy of the original in Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., B 1, v. 1, p. 127).

Marriage Records

August 23, 1792, William Dietz, and Margaretha Bolebacher. ("Marriage Record of the German Reformed Church, at Philadelphia, 1748–1802," p. 677, in *Pennsylvania Archives,* Second Series, vol. VIII, pages 661–746).

September 12, 1765, John Adam Bolbach and Anna Margar. Haennamann. ("Marriage Record of St. Michael's and Zion Church, Philadelphia, 1745–1800," page 325, in *Pennsylvania Archives,* Second Series, vol. IX, pages 285–440).

October 2, 1796, Jacob Bollbach and Christine Hughes, wid. (*Ibid.,* page 419).

4.

Land Warrant to Abraham Bollenbacher, June 10th, 1751

"Know ye, That in consideration of the monies paid by Abraham Bollenbacher and George Kootz for the warrants hereinafter mentioned and of the Sum of three hundred forty five dollars and three cents in full since paid by Leonard Rishel into the Treasury Office of this commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Leonard Rishel a cer-

tain tract of land Situate in Brunswick township Schuylkill county Beginning at a White oak thence by the Blue Mountain South twenty degrees West forty perches to a Stone West one hundred twenty two perches to a Bush South eighteen perches to a corner South three degrees West sixty two perches to a corner South thirty degrees West thirty four perches to a Corner South forty seven degrees West twenty two perches to a Corner South fifty Six degrees West ten perches to a corner South fifty degrees West twenty perches to a corner South eighty five degrees West four perches to a Corner North forty eight degrees West thirty six perches to a Corner North thirty five degrees West thirty six perches to a corner West ten perches to a Gum (?) South thirty Six degrees East thirty four perches to a Black oak South fifty one degrees West ten perches to a Chestnut oak North Sixty seven degrees West one hundred twenty two perches to Black oak thence by land of Adam Keiser North thirteen degrees West sixty eight perches to a White oak thence by Vacant barrens North fifty seven degrees East eighty five perches to a White oak South eighty three degrees East thirty two perches to a Post South ten degrees East forty perches to a Post North seventy eight degrees East twenty perches to a Black oak North eighty six degrees East one hundred nine perches to a Black oak North eight degrees East thirty four perches to a Black oak North forty seven degrees and a half West twenty eight perches to a Black oak North twenty five degrees East fifty seven perches to a Black oak thence by other land South eighteen degrees East ninety perches to a White oak North eighty one degrees East ninety perches to a Stone and South Seventy degrees East forty four perches to the Beginning Containing three hundred four acres one perch And allowance &ca Which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of two Warrants one dated 10th day of June 1751 granted to the said Abraham Bollenbacher the other dated the 10th day of November 1772 granted to the said George Kootz whose respective rights in and to the above described tract of land by virtue of sundry conveyances became vested in the said Leonard Rishel . . . In Witness whereof, John Cochran, Secretary of the Land-office of the said Commonwealth hath hereto set his Hand . . . the eighteenth day of December in the year

of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen . . ." (Patent Book H., no. 12, page 202).

The two tracts: "Resurveyed October 28th 1784 for Nicholas Bollenbacher" (See *Copied Surveys*, B 1, page 4, Department of Internal Affairs). The Bollenbach tract contained 155 acres 81 perches & allowance, the Kootz tract 74 acres 40 perches & allowance, the combined tracts 304 acres 1 perch.

5.

Additional Data on the Bollebach Family

On April 22, 1930, in the Library of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., I copied the following records from the original record book of Rev. Daniel Schumacher, which covers the years 1754–1774:

1756

Kind Taufftag	Vater Mutter	Tauffzeugen
den 3ten Christmonath	December	Johannes
Barbara	Abraham Bollebach	Clauser
über die blauenberge	Anna Margaretha	Barbara
Taufft		

(A certificate of baptism was issued to the parents, a fact which is indicated by a special mark or symbol).

There follows immediately, but on the next page, the following:

den 3ten Christmonath	Wilhelm Bergheüser	Johann Wilhelm
Taufft	Catharina	Clauser
Johann Wilhelm		Anna Maria Rostin
über Blauen berge		Ledig.

(A certificate of baptism was likewise issued to the parents).

1764

den 14ten October	Johanes	Johannes
Tauft Ander	Türcke	Dunckelberger
Antolanÿ in des	Anna Maria	Maria Türckin
alten Dunckels Kirch		Beide Ledig
Maria Magdalena		
Gebohren den 26 Septem-		
ber		

1766

den 14ten getauft	Matthes De	Joseph
Johann Joseph	Lange	Steidell
Gebohren den	Maria Margaretha	Christina
27 November		
Inn Linn Township		

1772

den 19ten Aprill	Hans Nickolaus	Johann Martin
Johann Martin	Bollenbach	Bollenbach
9 Wochen alt	Anna Maria	Anna gerdraut
		Tobissen

1773

den 14ten Mertz tauft	Mertz Martin	Johann Nicolaus
Johann Nickolaus	Abraham [crossed out]	Bollebach
gebohren den 2ten Mei	Bollenbach	Anna Maria
berner taunschib	Catharina	

1773

den 30ten October tauft	Hans Nickolaus	Abraham Lange [should be: DeLange. See the note on his will, above.]
in Berner taunschib über	Bollebach	
der Schulkill	Anna Maria	
Anna Maria		Anna Maria
morgen 4 Wochen alt		

The following records are taken from "Baptismal Records of the Lutheran Congregation in Zion Church, West Brunswick Township," in *Publications of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County,* Vol. II., 1910, pages 250 and 252:

1780

BOLLEBACH—Catharina Magdalena, b. Oct. 27, of Johann Nickolaus Bollebach and wife Anna Maria; bap. Nov. 12; Sponsors. Michael and Catharina Magdalena Moser.

1782

KREMER—To Philipp Kremer and his wife Catherine was born a daughter on the 11th Sept.; bap. on the 23rd Sund. post Trin.; Comp., Johann Nickalous and Maria Bollebach. Received the name Maria.

6.

WILL OF PETTER BALLIÖ

"In the name of God Amen the first Day of february Anno 1742/3 I Peter Ballie of Oley in the County of Philadelphia

yeomen being very sick and weack in Body . . . I give & bequath unto Susanna my Dearly beloved Wife all my money so well in cash as Bonds and Bills . . . my Daughter who tackes Possession of my Plantation shall be Obligt to give her [to the testator's wife] yearly for her subsistence twelve Bushel of good wheat . . . I do give unto my eldest Daughter Dorether [in the original: Dorothea] Sharer the sum of forty Pound . . . I give unto my Daughter Susanna Beydelman . . . unto my Daughter Catherine [in the original: Cathrina] my Land & Plantation . . . unto my youngest Daughter Helena which Sum shall be paid two Terms but not before she is married . . . until Helenia [in the original: Helena] is married . . . my youngest Daughter Helena shall recieve . . . my Dearly beloved Wife Susanna, Abarahm Eshman and Samuel Gulding [in the original: Guldin] Executors . . . in the Presence of us
Hans Georg Kelchner
Gabrÿel beÿer
Debalt Weber (Signed in German script) Petter Balliö"

The will was approved March 29, 1743. The recorder had difficulty in reading the name of the first witness, his reproduction of it is unintelligible. The names of the three witnesses are in German script and are spelled as they appear above. The recorder writes the second and third, respectively, as follows: Gabriel Byer, Dewald Weaver.
Recorded in *Wills G.* 37, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Inventary of Peter Ballies his Estate, prizt th 12, d. of March Anno 1743." "Prizt by us Gabriel Boyer & Abraham Levant". (From the original in City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., April 28, 1930).

7.

Will of Susanna Ballie, Widow of Peter Ballie

"The twenty fourth Day of the fifth month [probably July, counting March as the first month] in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and fifty-five I Susanna Ballie of the town Ship of Oley in the County of Bearks, widow, Being of Perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God) and calling to mind The uncertainty of time and mortality of my body Do

make and Ordain this my Last will and testament as touching my worldly Estate; which after my Just Depts & Funeral charges are paid; I Give Bequeath and Dispose of in the following manner and form—that is to Say: First I Give and bequeath unto my Three Daughters Susanna Boidleman, Cathrine Bartolet, and Eleanor Lowbach; Three parts out of four of all my Estate Good and Chattels to be Equally Devided amongst them and the fourth part I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Dorothy and her Seven Children Jacob Sharra, Peter Sharra, Henry Sharra, Michael Sharra, Elisebeth Sharra, Susanna Sharra and Mary Sharra to be Equally Devided amongst them; and I do hereby Revoke all and Disanull all former wills by me made; and I Do make and order John Bartolet, Peter Lowbach and Detrich Boidelman Executors of this my Last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written

her
Susanna (Ballie
marke

Signed Sealed published and Declared
by ye above named Susanna Ballie to
be her Last will and testament in the
Presence of us
Samuel Lee
Abraham Levan" (Copied from the original)

"Reading Berks the 10th Day of May 1756 Then personally appeared Samuel Lee and Abraham Levan both of Oley Township in the County aforesaid yeomen the witnesses to the aforewritten will and upon their solemn affirmation according to Law did severally declare and say that they saw & heard Susannah Ballie the Testatrix therein named sign, seal publish & declare the same Will to be her last Will . . ." (Cf. Will Book 1, page 34).

8.

Service Tablet, DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers, Pa.

On Whitsunday, June 8, 1930, on the occasion of a homecoming reunion, celebrated throughout the entire day, the congregation of DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers, Pa., unveiled in back of the lectern, in connection with the morning service, the following tablet:

Service Tablet/ Christ DeLong's Reformed Church/ In Honor of the Sons/ of this Church in/ The Gospel Ministry/
John F DeLong D D Calvin M DeLong/
William F DeLong D D Irwin H DeLong Ph D D D/

ADDENDA

1.

Additional Data on Schofer Family

(See page 65)

I. *John George Schofer* (son of Ferdinand Schofer and his wife Elisabetha, a born Freyberger), born in Loechgau, Bessigheim, Wuertemberg, Germany, June 21, 1793, (sponsors at baptism Conrad Freyberger and wife), emigration pass issued May 10, 1832, came to Oley, Berks Co., Pa., in the same year, died August 21, 1872, buried Huff's Church, Pa., married March 8, 1821, *Regina Dorothea Baeder* (daughter of Jacob Frederick Baeder and his wife Elizabeth, a born Schwegler). born in Cannstadt, Germany, March 6, 1799, (sponsors at baptism Philipp Heinrich Molitou, Regina Catharina Burkhardt, and Maria Dorothea Muender), died Stony Creek Mills, Pa., January 3, 1883, buried Spiese's Church. Children, 11, of these the third is:

II. 1. *John Gottlieb Schofer,* born Wuertemberg, Germany, February 8, 1825, came to Pennsylvania with his parents in his eighth year, married December 3, 1848, *Susanna Bieber,* died November 10 [11, according to the inscription on her gravestone, see above, page 65], 1895. Children:

III. 1) *John Henry Schofer,* born Greenwich Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 17, 1851, married December 22, 1877, *Lucinda Leibensperger.* Seven children.

2) *Lucy Ann Elizabeth Schofer,* born May 29, 1856, married December 7, 1882, *William D. Fisher.* Two chiildren.

3) *Cyrus Jacob Schofer,* born October 1, 1858, died August 16, 1859.

(From H. M. Schofer, *History of the Descendants of John George and Regina Dorothea Schofer,* [East Greenville, Pa., 1897]; only 75 copies in print).

2.

Marriage Certificate of Henry Diener and Elizabetha Fuchs

(See page 76)

To all whom it may Concern These Presents Certify That Henry Diener of Berks County, & Maria Elizabetha Foucksin of Philadelphia County, in the Province of Pennsylvania, were joined together in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, and pronounced Man & Wife, according to the Form Established by Law in the Church of England, this Twenty Sixth day of March, Anno Domini 1774, By me

Alex Murray Min.

(The original is altogether in the handwriting of the minister and is in possession of Katie Diener, Boyertown, Pa. Copied August 29, 1930).

IV.

VIII.

Note
reference

f age], d. . . .

5 years of age], d. . . .

152. = 112*

153. = 113*

. . .

1a. *DeLong,* Irv
b. 1873, m.
Mary R. Me

2b. *DeLong,* Sa[1779]
b. 1874, m.
Eugene Stod

192. *Hoch,* Rudolf, b. . . ., d. 1748
married . . .

193. ——, Veronica, b. . . ., d. 1728

3c. *DeLong,* Em
b. 1875, m.
Franklin Go

4d. *DeLong,* Jol
b. 1877, m.
Rhoda Ellen
m. (2) 1913
Elsie May S, d. 1763

5e. *DeLong,* Ho
b. 1879, m.
Eleanor Jan

r "Ahnenimplex." For an explanation of this phenom-
, see Heydenreich, *Handbuch der Praktischen Genealogie,*
l Friedrich Wecken, *Taschenbuch für Familiengeschichts-*
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IV. LIST OF ANCESTORS ARRANGED IN TABULAR FORM

(For further details concerning an individual see the text)

I. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII.

Note: This table is based on the information in the text and in the appendixes to which reference is here made for fuller and more detailed information concerning a given individual.

1a. *DeLong*, Irwin Hoch, b. 1873, m. 1907, Mary R. Meister.
2b. *DeLong*, Sara (Sallie), b. 1874, m. 1909, Eugene Stoddard Willis.
3c. *DeLong*, Emma, b. 1875, m. 1896, Erie Franklin Goss.
4d. *DeLong*, John H., b. 1877, m. (1) 1900, Rhoda Ellen Guss, m. (2) 1913, Elsie May Shaffer.
5e. *DeLong*, Howard H., b. 1879, m. 1918, Eleanor Jane Colburn.

2. *DeLong*, Adam B., b. 1852, d. 1928 — married (1) 1872

3. *Hoch*, Caroline, b. 1851, d. 1880

4. *Delang*, Aaron, b. 1823, d. 1872 — married 1848

5. *Bieber*, Sara, b. 1821, d. 1873

6. *Hoch*, Jeremiah, b. 1814, d. 1867 — married 1837

7. *Diener*, Rebecca (Margaret), b. 1813, d. 1892

8. *Delang*, Michael, b. 1792, d. 1831 — married 1822

9. *Lobach*, Rebecca, b. 1798, d. 1864

10. *Bieber*, Johannes, b. 1783, d. 1862 — married 1815

11. *Schaefer*, Catharina Elisabeta, b. 1789, d. 1867

12. *Hoch*, Jacob, b. 1790, d. 1867 — married (1) 1814

13. *Fahlgner*, Christina, b. 1788, d. 1826

14. *Diener*, Johannes, b. 1779, d. 1860 — married 1809

15. *Heinrich*, Charlotte, b. 1782, d. 1849

16. *Delangh*, Michael, b. 1739, d. 1819 — married . . .

17. *Bollebach*, Maria Barbara, b. 1756, d. 1832

18. *Lobach*, Friedrich, b. . . ., d. . . . — married . . .

19. *Diener*, Anna Catharina, b. 1774, d. 1821

20. *Bieber*, Theobald, b. 1756, d. 1826 — married . . .

21. *Bayer* (*Beyer*), Elisabetha, b. 1735, d. 1819

22. *Schaefer*, George Peter, b. 1760, d. 1805 — married [1785]

23. *Schwalbe* (*Schwalmn*), Christina, b. . . ., d. . . .

24. *Hoch*, Jacob, b. . . ., d . . . — married . . .

25. *Carl* (*Karl*), Catharina, b. . . ., d. . . .

26. ——
27. ——

28. *Diener*, Johann Heinrich, b. 1747, d. 1825 — married (2) 1778

29. *Staud*, Catharina, b. . . ., d. . . .

30. *Henrich*, Jacob, b. 1744, d. 1806 — married . . .

31. *Dilbon*, Margaret, b. . . ., d. 1825

32. *Delangh*, Pyeter, b. . . ., d. 1760 — married . . .
33. *Weber*, Eva Elisabetha, b. [1707], d. . . .

34. *Bollenbacher*, Johan Abraham, b. . . ., d. . . . — married . . .
35. ——, Anna Margretha, b. . . ., d. . . .

36. *Lobach*, Peter, b. . . ., d. [1785] — married (2) . . .
37. *Betz* (?), Susanna, b. . . ., d. . . .

38. *Diener*, Peter, b. 1753, d. 1798 — married 1773
39. *Maier*, Anna Margaretha, b. 1752, d. 1825

40. *Bieber*, Dietrick, b. . . ., d. . . . — married . . .
41. ——, Elizabeth, b. . . ., d. . . .

42. ——
43. ——
44. ——
45. ——
46. ——
47. ——

48. *Hoch*, Rudolph, b. 1725, d. [1796] — married . . .
49. *Weber*, Maria (Mary), b. . . ., d. [1821]

50. ——
51. ——

56. *Diener*, Henrich Gerhardt, b. 1720, d. 1772 — married 1747
57. *Krock*, Anna Elizabeth, b. 1713, d. . . .

58. ——
59. ——

60. *Henrich*, Christian, b. . . ., d. [1791] — married . . .
61. *Scheurer*, Anna Martha, b. . . ., d. . . .

62. *Dilbon*, Henry, b. . . ., d. [1785] — married . . .
63. ——, Eva, b. . . ., d. . . .

66. *Weber*, Jacob, b. [in 1708, 30 years of age], d. . . . — married . . .
67. ——, Anna Elisabetha, b. [in 1708, 25 years of age], d. . . .

72. *Lobach*, Peter, b. 1687, d. 1720 — married . . .
73. *Meÿ*, Gerdrod, b. . . ., d. . . .

76. = 56*
77. = 57*

80. *Bieber* (*Bever*), George, b. . . ., d. . . . — married . . .
81. ——, Margaret, b. . . ., d. . . .

96. *Hoch*, Johannes, b. . . ., d. 1777 or [1779] — married . . .
97. ——, Susanna, b. . . ., d. 1763

112. *Diener*, Johannes, b. . . ., d. 1752 — married 1718
113. *Eisenhut*, Anna Margaretha, b. . . ., d. 1763

152. = 112*
153. = 113*

192. *Hoch*, Rudolf, b. . . ., d. 1748 — married . . .
193. ——, Veronica, b. . . ., d. 1728

For the half-brothers of the "probant" see the text, above; also "The Lineage of Malcolm Metzger Parker from Johannes Delang," 1926, page 20.

*Examples of "Ahnenverlust" or "Ahnenimplex." For an explanation of this phenomenon and the terms used to describe it, see Heydenreich, *Handbuch der Praktischen Genealogie*, Leipzig, 1913, Vol. I., pages 46 ff., and Friedrich Weeken, *Taschenbuch für Familiengeschichtsforschung*, 3rd. Ed., Leipzig, 1924, page 79.

VI. Index of Names

The family name in parentheses after a feminine name is the maiden name.—In the text the same name frequently appears in a different form and in a different spelling. This is due to the fact that an effort was made to retain each name in the form and spelling which it has in the source or sources.—The user of this index should bear in mind that different individuals of the same family name may also have the same baptismal name.—The reference is to the page; attention should however be called to the fact that a given name may occur more than once on the same page.

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